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# PWI 500

## BOO WHO?

**J**OHN CENA WENT to a Yankees-Red Sox game in the Bronx during this past summer to cheer for his beloved Sox, and he came away from the game with a greater perspective on ... John Cena.

"Every time A-Rod came to the plate," said Cena, referring to the Yankees \$25-million-a-year third baseman, Alex Rodriguez, "they booed unmercifully. As a rule, I don't feel sorry for any Yankee, but I could somehow relate, if you know what I mean. I figured, if the fans can boo A-Rod, why should John Cena be immune?"

Being booed cannot be fun, unless, that is, you're among the 50 percent of professional wrestlers whose job it is to elicit such a response. In Cena's case—and in A-Rod's—you go out there everyday with a goal of pleasing the paying customers with your work, and for whatever reason, a certain (loud) segment of the audience just can't appreciate that.

All A-Rod did was win the MVP award in 2005 and become the youngest player ever to hit 450 home runs. If there were an "MLB 500," Rodriguez would have been number one last year. All Cena did was make Triple-H tap out at WrestleMania, win the Raw World title from Edge, and win the "Elimination Chamber" match against five opponents. His low point of the year, losing the Raw World title, came after the baseball equivalent of pitching both ends of a doubleheader.

People pay to see Cena and can do as they please. And maybe his many detractors won't allow him to get a sniff at PWI's Wrestler of the Year Award. But the "PWI 500" is selected without the approval of the boo-birds. If you don't like his selection as number one, then boo us. We don't care that girls and kids love him and that he is not cool with 18-to-34-year-old males. He wins, he wins consistently, and he wins against the best wrestlers WWE puts in front of him. For most of the past year, he's been the top wrestler in the sport's top brand.

He should not have to take solace in the horror story that is A-Rod's 2006 Yankee season. Both men are headed for the halls of fame in their respective sports. If you can't appreciate them at the primes of their careers, that's more your problem than theirs.

Ah, that felt good.



Examining the criteria for the "PWI 500," you can see why we went with Cena. Those criteria are (in order of importance):

- Win-loss record
- Technical ability
- Influence on the sport
- Success against the highest grade of competition
- Success against the most diverse competition
- Activity

As always, keep in mind that the "PWI 500" is not a ranking for the calendar year January through December. The "grading period" this year runs from August 2005 through July 2006.

Any wrestler who has lost significant time due to injury can either be dropped from the list entirely (in which case he will be listed in "Farewell To The 500" with a disabled list—DL—designation) or receive a ranking that might not be commensurate with his abilities or the amount of success he enjoyed in a reduced time frame.

Feel free to offer your feedback. You can reach us with your comments at "PWI 500," P.O. Box 1148, Fort Washington, PA 19034. Or you can send an e-mail to us at [pwi500@kappapublishing.com](mailto:pwi500@kappapublishing.com).



[Editor's note: The numbers in parentheses following each name represent the wrestler's height, weight, years of pro experience, and ranking in the 2005 "PWI 500." An "NL" means the wrestler was not listed a year ago. Following the ratings is a complete listing of wrestlers ranked in 2005 but not in 2006 (page 106), as well as an alphabetical cross-reference to the "PWI 500" (pages 108-109).]

## 1 JOHN CENA

(6'3", 260, 6, 2)

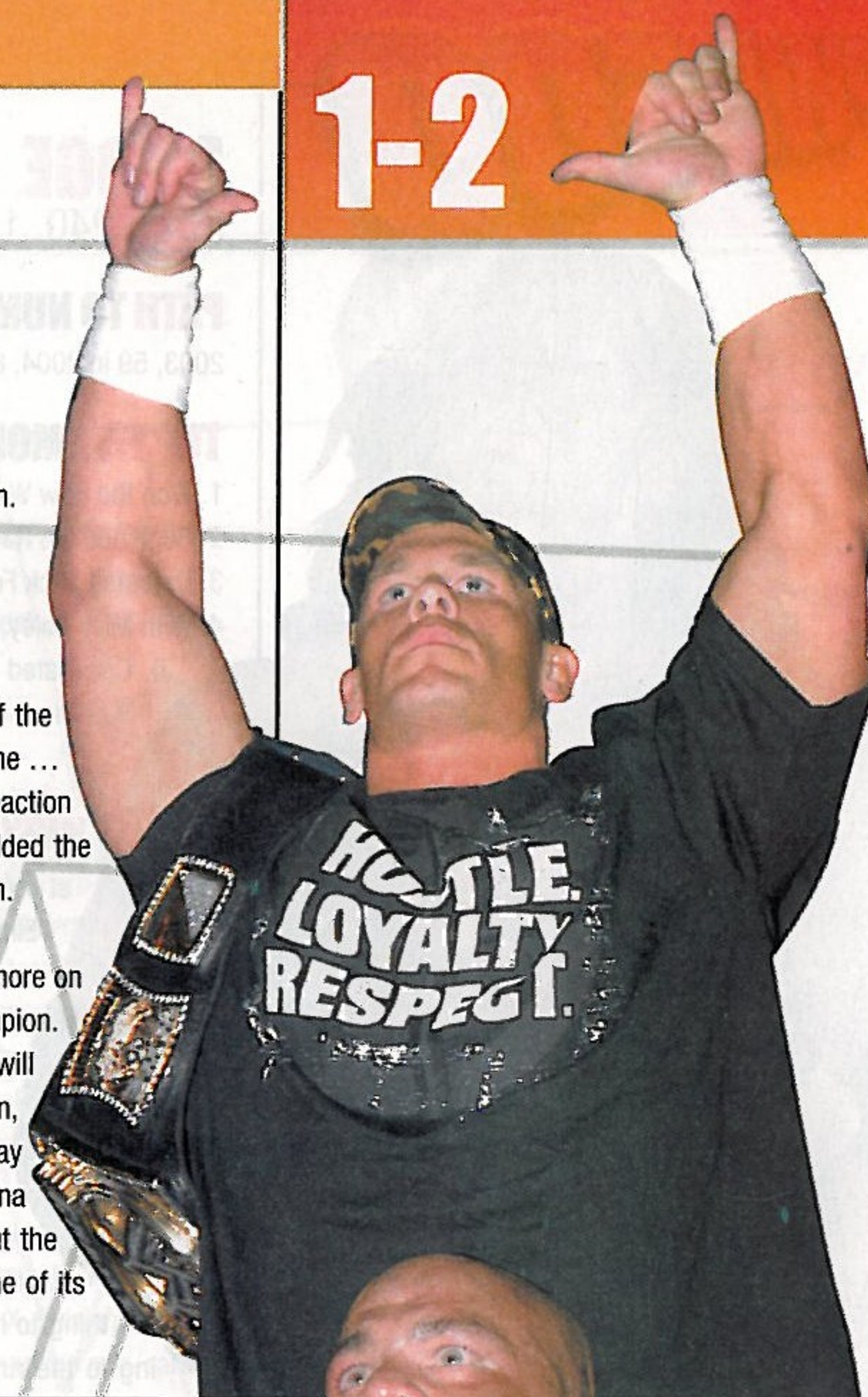
**PATH TO NUMBER 1:** 281 in 2001, 46 in 2002, 12 in 2003, 7 in 2004, 2 in 2005

### TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

1. Made Triple-H tap out to the SFTU in his victory at WrestleMania 22.
2. Defeated five challengers in the "Elimination Chamber" match at New Year's Revolution.
3. Regained the Raw World title by defeating Edge at the Royal Rumble.
4. Retained the title in a three-way feud with Edge and Triple-H.
5. Held his own in a hostile, pro-Rob Van Dam environment at ECW One Night Stand II.

**WHY HE'S NUMBER 1:** WWE star spent most of the past year as the top dog of the Raw brand ... Feuding with the likes of Triple-H and Edge helped sharpen his in-ring game ... Recognized as a world-wide pop culture icon ... Succeeded despite receiving hostile reaction from many fans ... Defied oddsmakers by defeating Triple-H at WrestleMania 22 ... Added the STFU submission hold to complement signature impact move, the FU fireman's carry slam.

**WHERE HE'S HEADED:** Cena apparently put his hip-hop career on hold to focus more on improving his in-ring ability, and it paid off in dividends for the two-time Raw World champion. Assuming he continues his forward momentum as far as preparation is concerned, Cena will likely be on top of the Raw brand before year's end. The 29-year-old is in a rare position, because the rest of his career will go in the direction of his choosing. He may decide to stay with wrestling, or, with his feature film debut in *The Marine* under his spinning belt, Cena may have options outside of the ring. While his detractors may not mind a WWE without the self-proclaimed "Doctor Of Thuganomics," the industry on the whole would be losing one of its most charismatic stars, yet again.



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## 2 KURT ANGLE

(6'1", 233, 7, 6)

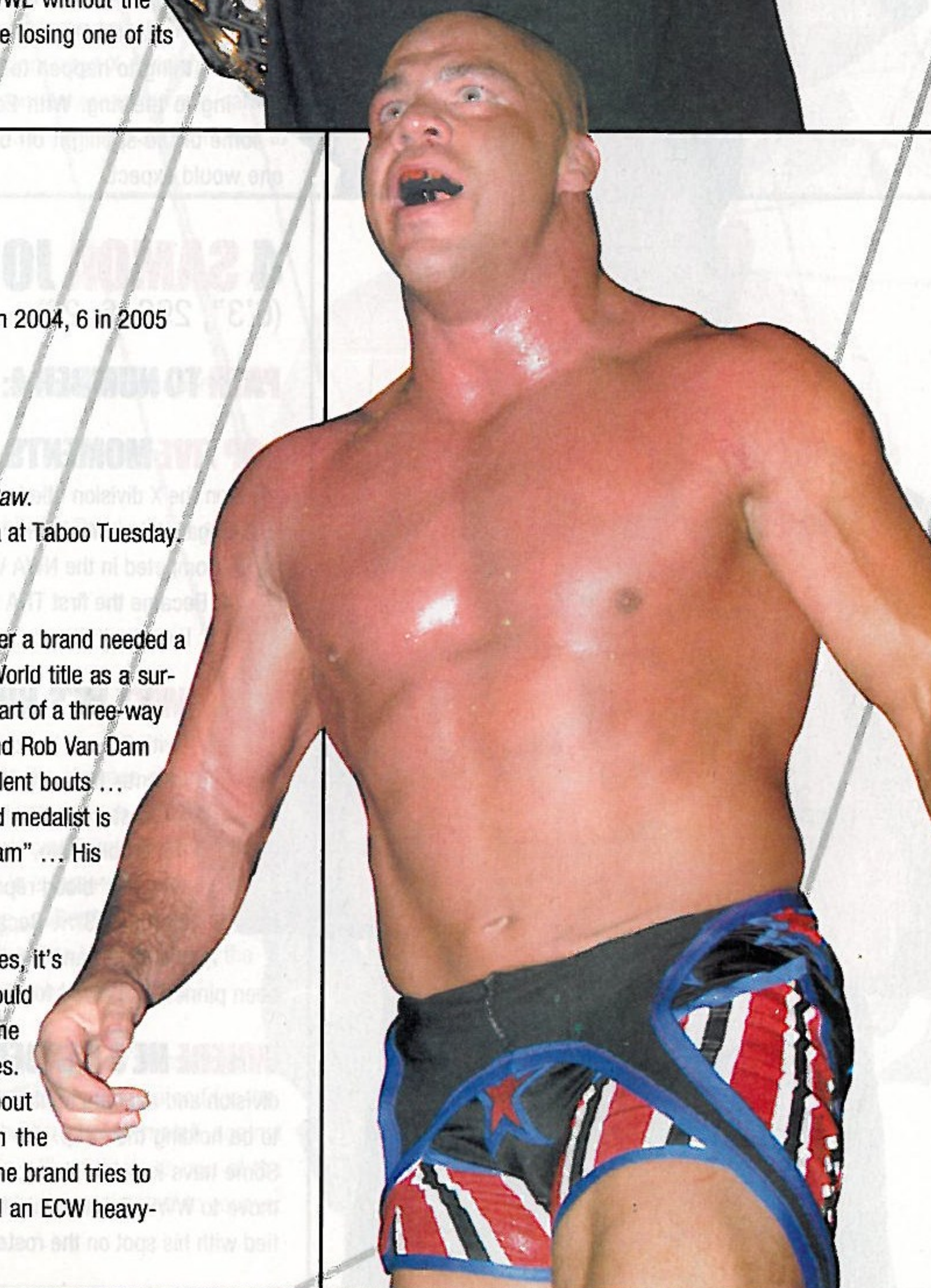
**PATH TO NUMBER 2:** 13 in 2000, 1 in 2001, 6 in 2002, 3 in 2003, 36 in 2004, 6 in 2005

### TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

1. Won the Smackdown World championship as part of a 20-man battle royal.
2. Match with The Undertaker at No Way Out declared an instant classic.
3. Wrestled Shawn Michaels to a 2-2 draw in a 30-minute Ironman match on Raw.
4. Lost a hard-fought three-way match against Shawn Michaels and John Cena at Taboo Tuesday.
5. Drafted to the reformed ECW brand by Paul Heyman.

**WHY HE'S NUMBER 2:** Unofficially WWE's "go-to" guy in 2006 whenever a brand needed a boost ... Was chosen for ECW duty by Paul Heyman ... Won the Smackdown World title as a surprise entrant in a 20-man battle royal ... Dropped the title to Rey Mysterio Jr. as part of a three-way match at WrestleMania 22 ... Had long-running feuds with both Randy Orton and Rob Van Dam following his run as Smackdown World champ that have produced several excellent bouts ... Plagued by neck-related injuries, Angle refuses to slow down ... The Olympic gold medalist is unsurpassed on the mat ... Crushes opponents with his high shoulder "Angle Slam" ... His signature submission hold is the anklelock.

**WHERE HE'S HEADED:** Based on the severity of Angle's nagging injuries, it's amazing that he's gone as long as he has at this pace. The safe prediction would be that Angle will take on more of a reduced schedule and utilize whatever time he has left in the ring for WWE to develop younger talent rather than chase titles. However, if this sounds familiar, it's because people have been saying it about Angle for years now. There's really no telling where Angle is headed with the remainder of his career. His stint with ECW may only be a short-term thing as the brand tries to build an audience. Still, it's not out of the realm of possibility to see Angle add an ECW heavy-weight championship reign to his résumé before the year is through.





## 3 EDGE (6'4", 240, 13, 8)

**PATH TO NUMBER 3:** 254 in 1997, 67 in 1998, 83 in 1999, 51 in 2000, 20 in 2001, 7 in 2002, 34 in 2003, 59 in 2004, 8 in 2005

### TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

1. Won the Raw World title, defeating John Cena at New Year's Revolution. Held the strap for three weeks.
2. Regained the Raw World title from John Cena in a three-way match on *Raw* in July.
3. Defeated Mick Foley in a hardcore match at WrestleMania 22.
4. With Mick Foley, beat Tommy Dreamer and Terry Funk at ECW One Night Stand II.
5. Celebrated his first world title victory by treating the fans to a live sex show with girlfriend Lita on *Raw* the following day.

**WHY HE'S NUMBER 3:** The "Rated R Superstar" was the reigning Raw World champion at press time ... First won the title by defeating a bloody and battered John Cena following his "Elimination Chamber" match at New Year's Revolution ... That reign lasted just three weeks ... Defeated the legendary Mick Foley at WrestleMania 22 in a brutal hardcore match ... Entangled in the title morass that involved both John Cena and Rob Van Dan in June, Edge has come out on top so far ... Surpassed his previous three-week reign with help from girlfriend, Lita ... Nails his opponents with a spear to the midsection to finish them off.

**WHERE HE'S HEADED:** Edge appears to be locked in as the premier rulebreaker for the Raw brand, at least through the end of 2006. And, thanks to his willingness to bend the rules to win, his second title reign could be a lengthy one. The most intriguing thing to happen to Edge over the coming months may be how he reacts to Lita possibly returning to the ring. With Edge's ego, there's likely to be issues if he perceives his girlfriend is taking some of the spotlight off of him. The "Rated R Superstar" may choose to go it alone sooner than anyone would expect.

## 4 SAMOA JOE (6'3", 290, 6, 22)

**PATH TO NUMBER 4:** 314 in 2001, 230 in 2002, 155 in 2003, 34 in 2004, 22 in 2005

### TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

1. Won the X division title from A.J. Styles at TNA's Turning Point in December 2005.
2. Engaged in one of the top feuds in wrestling with both Styles and Daniels.
3. Competed in the NWA World title number-one contender's match at TNA's Victory Road pay-per-view.
4. Became the first TNA wrestler to appear solo on the cover of *Pro Wrestling Illustrated*.
5. Lost the X title to Christopher Daniels in an Ultimate X match, only to regain it a few weeks later.

**WHY HE'S NUMBER 4:** One of TNA's biggest draws ... Continues to serve as a top star with Ring of Honor despite not being part of its main roster ... Chosen to face Japanese superstar Kenta Kobashi twice during Kobashi's only visit to the U.S. ... Defeated A.J. Styles and Christopher Daniels at Sacrifice, becoming the number-one contender to Daniels' X division championship, which he won at Turning Point ... For months, Joe carried a towel covered in Daniels' blood representing their feud ... Lost the title to Daniels at Destination X, but won it back on April 13 ... Became a contender for the NWA World title after dropping the strap in a three-way match with Senshi and Sonjay Dutt ... Considered undefeated in TNA, having never submitted nor been pinned ... Feared for his "Kokina Clutch" and muscle-buster finishers.

**WHERE HE'S HEADED:** Samoa Joe has stepped out of what became a comfort zone for him in the X division and appears to have his sights set on the NWA World title, which is bad news for whomever happens to be holding the strap. Joe has also become TNA's most marketable "homegrown" star over the past year. Some have knocked Joe for his choice to stay with TNA rather than test the free agent waters and possibly move to WWE. Regardless of his place of employment, one thing seems to be clear: Joe will never be satisfied with his spot on the roster until he's at the top looking down.

## 5 MISTICO (5'7", 177, 7, NL)

**PATH TO NUMBER 5:** 18 in 2005

### TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

1. Won the CMLL tag titles with Negro Casas at Arena Mexico from Averno and Mephisto.
2. Defeated Atlantis in a rare singles match.
3. With Negro Casas, defeated Averno and Mephisto in a non-title match, which drew a sellout crowd to Arena Mexico.
4. Teamed with Hijo del Lizmark and L.A. Park to defeat Perro Aguayo Jr., Black Warrior, and Hector Garza in a trios match.
5. Teamed with Rey Bucanero to defeat Tarzan Boy and Ultimo Guerrero.

**WHY HE'S NUMBER 5:** CMLL's most explosive wrestler, the high-flying Mistico has quickly become today's most-talked about luchador ... Clad in silver and gold, this young aerialist has become a bona fide main event star at Arena Mexico, the premiere venue in all of lucha libre ... Won the CMLL tag titles with Negro Casas in April ... Sometimes teams with one of Mexico's other hot commodities, El Hijo del Santo ... Spent years languishing in the undercards as Astro Boy ... Second generation grappler is the son of Dr. Karonte ... Not the first man to use the name Mistico, but certainly the most famous ... Captured the NWA middleweight title and defended it in breathtaking bouts against men like Averno and Ultimo Guerrero ... Array of flying moves defy description ... Finisher is "La Mistica," a satellite headscissors that ends with a Wakitagatae armbar.

**WHERE HE'S HEADED:** Mistico is already drawing rave reviews by industry insiders. Don't be shocked when WWE and TNA begin to show some serious interest in the young luchador. His high-flying expertise would make him an immediate player in TNA, specifically in its overpopulated X division. Despite his tremendous talent and fan following, a move to WWE would likely land him somewhere in the mid-card of the Smackdown brand. Regardless of the interest, Mistico will likely stay in his native Mexico and continue to ply his trade in front of his home audience.

## 6 REY MYSTERIO JR. (5'3", 174, 15, 14)

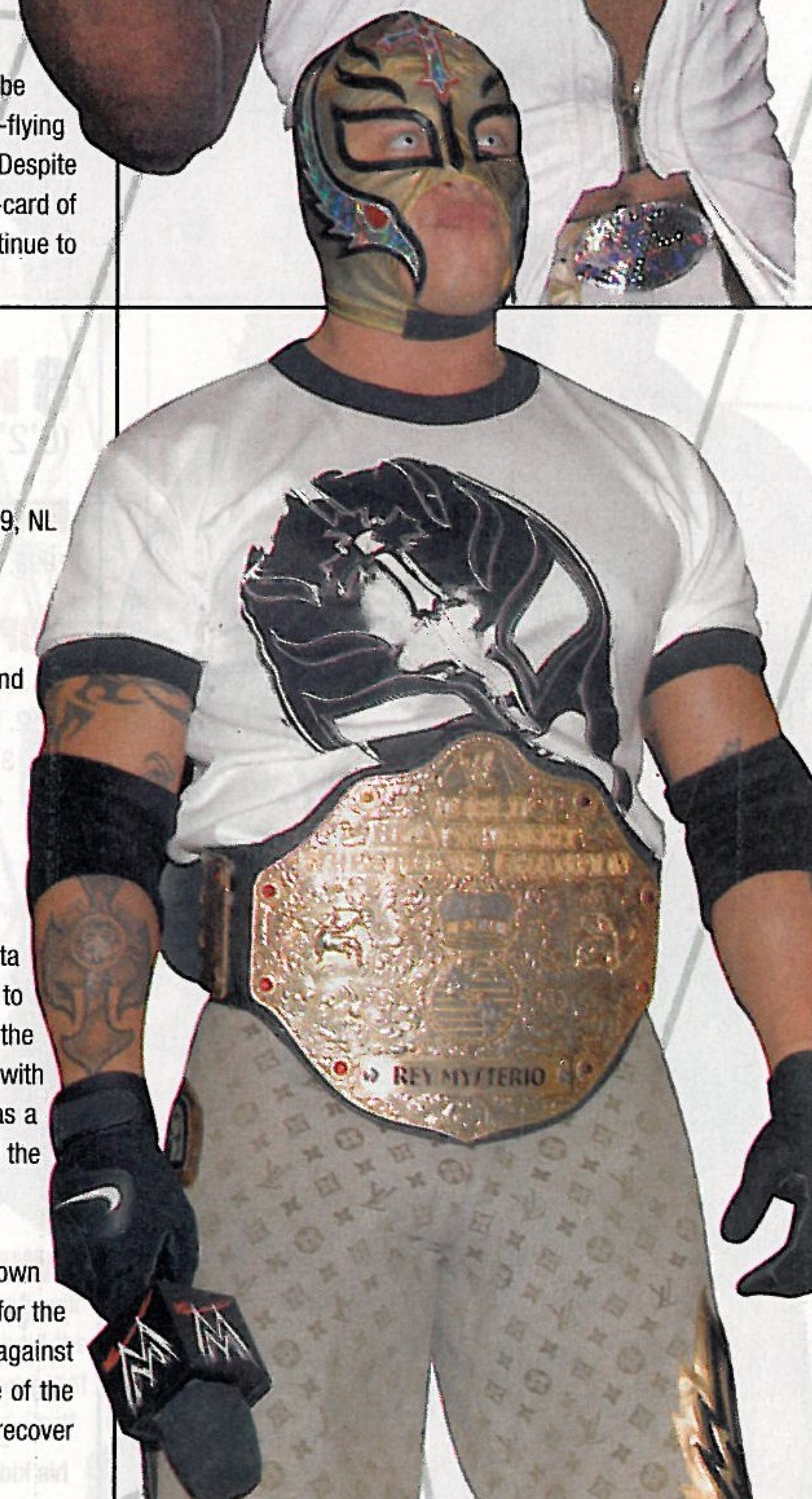
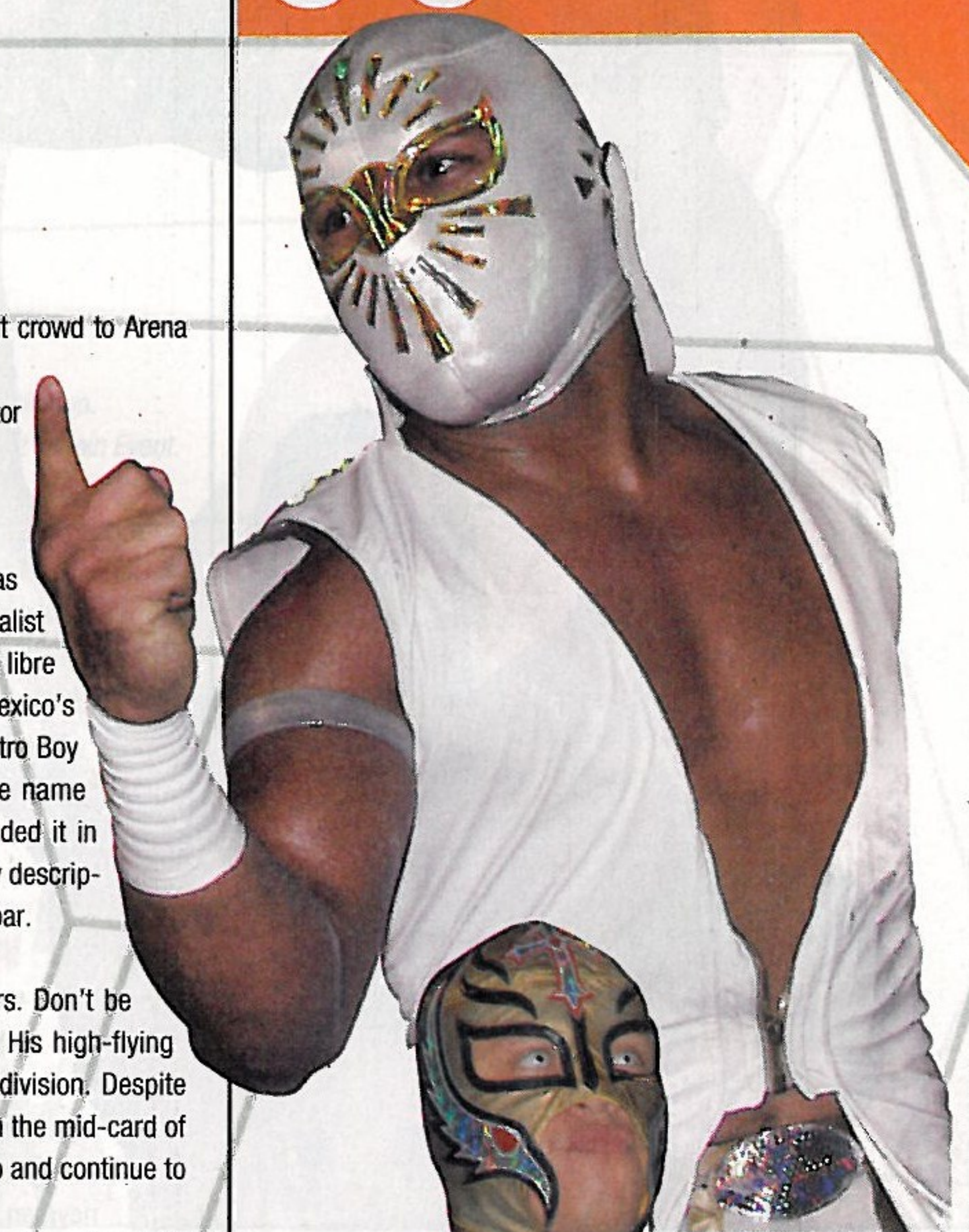
**PATH TO NUMBER 6:** 101 in 1994, 18 in 1995, 7 in 1996, 29 in 1997, 107 in 1998, 4 in 1999, NL in 2000, 198 in 2001, 58 in 2002, 56 in 2003, 22 in 2004, 14 in 2005

### TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

1. Won the Smackdown World title at WrestleMania 22 in a three-way match with Randy Orton and Kurt Angle.
2. Won the 2006 Royal Rumble as the number-two entrant into the match.
3. Won the Smackdown World tag team championship with Batista.
4. Defeated John Bradshaw Layfield at Judgment Day.
5. Wrestled Sabu to a vicious draw at ECW One Night Stand II.

**WHY HE'S NUMBER 6:** Top draw of the WWE's Smackdown brand during the absence of Batista ... Briefly teamed with Batista prior to Batista's injury-mandated hiatus ... Dedicated much of 2006 to his fallen friend Eddie Guerrero ... Won the 2006 Royal Rumble, defeating Triple-H and Randy Orton in the final three ... Went on to capture the Smackdown World title at WrestleMania 22 in a three-way match with Orton and then-champion Kurt Angle ... Feuded with men almost twice his size ... Became known as a fighting, underdog champion ... His big moves are a springboard huracanrana that has been renamed the "West Coast Pop" and his "Tiger Pass" through the ropes into a dropkick that fans know as the "619."

**WHERE HE'S HEADED:** As exciting as it was to see Mysterio become an unlikely Smackdown World champion and fight through each opponent to come his way, the magic had to come to an end for the diminutive champion. It was unfortunate that Chavo Guerrero Jr. cost him the title in his match against Booker T. Though his reign was tainted by a series of non-title losses, Mysterio will go down as one of the most entertaining and deserving world champions in WWE history. He'll likely take some time off to recover from the injuries sustained during his title run, but it won't be very long.







## 7 BROCK LESNAR (6'3", 295, 5, NL)

**PATH TO NUMBER 7:** 87 in 2001, 17 in 2002, 1 in 2003, NL in 2004 or 2005

### TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

1. Won the IWGP heavyweight title in October 2005.
2. Settled his lawsuit with WWE over no-compete clause.
3. Defeated New Japan Cup winner Giant Bernard.
4. Made a non-fighting appearance for the mixed martial arts promotion K1-Hero.
5. Made a successful defense of the IWGP heavyweight title on January 4, 2006, against Shinsuke Nakamura at the Tokyo Dome.

**WHY HE'S NUMBER 7:** Former IWGP heavyweight champion was the top star of New Japan Pro Wrestling, until it was announced he was being stripped of the title ... Held off all challengers, and was even more dominant than he was during his stay in WWE ... Former WWE World champion quit pro wrestling a couple years back to try his hand at professional football ... Ended up battling WWE in court to return to wrestling ... Long, drawn out litigation process saw the parties compromise on a settlement in early-2006 ... Extensive collegiate wrestling background ... Renamed his famed finishing move "The Verdict."

**WHERE HE'S HEADED:** Lesnar appears to have once again lost interest in a sport he had so thoroughly dominated when at the top of his game. The move to New Japan appeared to be a good one, and winning the title almost immediately didn't hurt either. Once his pending lawsuit with WWE was settled, Lesnar showed a greater interest in competing in a mixed martial arts format. Odds are that he will end up doing that for some period of time ... before losing interest in it and moving on to something new. He may be wrestling's most dominant journeyman before his career is over.

## 8 KENTA KOBASHI (6'2", 282, 18, 16)

**PATH TO NUMBER 8:** 69 in 1993, 37 in 1994, 64 in 1995, 4 in 1996, 15 in 1997, 6 in 1998, 24 in 1999, 4 in 2000, NL in 2001 or 2002, 8 in 2003, 4 in 2004, 16 in 2005

### TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

1. Beat Mohammed Yone and Takeshi Morishima to win the GHC tag team title with Tamon Honda.
2. Defeated Samoa Joe in a match for Ring of Honor during his abbreviated U.S. tour.
3. Teamed with Tamon Honda and KENTA to defeat Scorpio, Bison Smith, and Low-Ki.
4. Teamed with Homicide to defeat Samoa Joe and Low-Ki during his U.S. tour.
5. Underwent successful surgery to remove a cancerous tumor from his kidney.

**WHY HE'S NUMBER 8:** Top star of the NOAH promotion earned the nickname "The Perfect Champion" due to his two-year reign as NOAH's Global Honored Crown champion ... Wrestled in the U.S. and Europe this year, where his matches against Samoa Joe (for Ring of Honor) and Ares (for wXw) drew rave reviews ... Won the GHC tag team title with Tamon Honda ... Has defied every doctor's order to retire and is still among the best active puroresu stars today ... One of Japan's single most popular performers of the last decade ... Knocks opponents flat with his rough lariat ... A three-time former Triple Crown champion during his time with All Japan Pro Wrestling ... Originated the "Burning Hammer," an upside down version of the "Death Valley Driver" that ends like a brainbuster.

**WHERE HE'S HEADED:** "Orange Crush" Kenta Kobashi shows no signs of slowing down at the age of 39. A legend in his native Japan, Kobashi may embark on more world tours in the following years due to the success of his Ring of Honor appearances in late-2005. Although he's been enjoying success in the tag ranks of late with NOAH, a potential run at the GHC heavyweight title may not be out of the question. Still, the first point of order for the highly decorated champion is to make a full recovery from a mid-summer surgery to remove a tumor from his kidney. As of press time, the prognosis was good for Kobashi, and a return to the ring seemed imminent.

## 9 SHAWN MICHAELS (6', 217, 23, 34)

**PATH TO NUMBER 9:** 37 in 1991, 16 in 1992, 3 in 1993, 5 in 1994, 2 in 1995, 1 in 1996, 18 in 1997, 49 in 1998, NL in 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, 32 in 2003, 9 in 2004, 34 in 2005

### TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

1. Defeated Vince McMahon at WrestleMania 22.
2. Reunited with Triple-H to reform DeGeneration X.
3. Wrestled Kurt Angle to an exciting 2-2 draw in an Ironman match on *Raw*.
4. Competed in the "Elimination Chamber" match for the Raw World title at New Year's Revolution.
5. Defeated The Spirit Squad with Triple-H in a five-on-two elimination match on *Saturday Night's Main Event*.

**WHY HE'S NUMBER 9:** Legendary WWE wrestler is at home on the Raw brand ... Defeated Vince McMahon at WrestleMania 22 ... Went on to reform DeGeneration X with Triple-H to oppose the McMahons and their obnoxious lackeys, The Spirit Squad ... A born-again Christian, he wears his faith on his sleeve—and his T-shirts ... Lost a dream match to Hulk Hogan at SummerSlam 2005 ... Has held a world championship on four previous occasions ... Regarded as one of the all-time greatest Intercontinental champs as well ... Still pulls out some high-flying offensive maneuvers despite his history of back injuries ... Continues to lay out opponents with his patented "Sweet Chin Music" superkick.

**WHERE HE'S HEADED:** As fun as it may seem, the 2006 DeGeneration reunion tour is bound to end. Triple-H still has Raw World championship aspirations, whereas Michaels appears more content with his position on the roster as the "go-to" veteran. After DX parts ways, expect Michaels to take some time off to heal up from injuries and spend more time with the family. 2007 may be the year where HBK finally takes that long-discussed reduced schedule and makes fewer live appearances. With his legacy as one of the all-time greats firmly cemented, Michaels will likely wrestle for as long as his body holds up, and he's still having fun.

## 10 JEFF JARRETT (5'10", 230, 20, 11)

**PATH TO NUMBER 10:** 28 in 1991, 26 in 1992, 22 in 1993, 35 in 1994, 11 in 1995, 26 in 1996, 17 in 1997, 43 in 1998, 36 in 1999, 5 in 2000, 24 in 2001, 24 in 2002, 15 in 2003, 12 in 2004, 11 in 2005

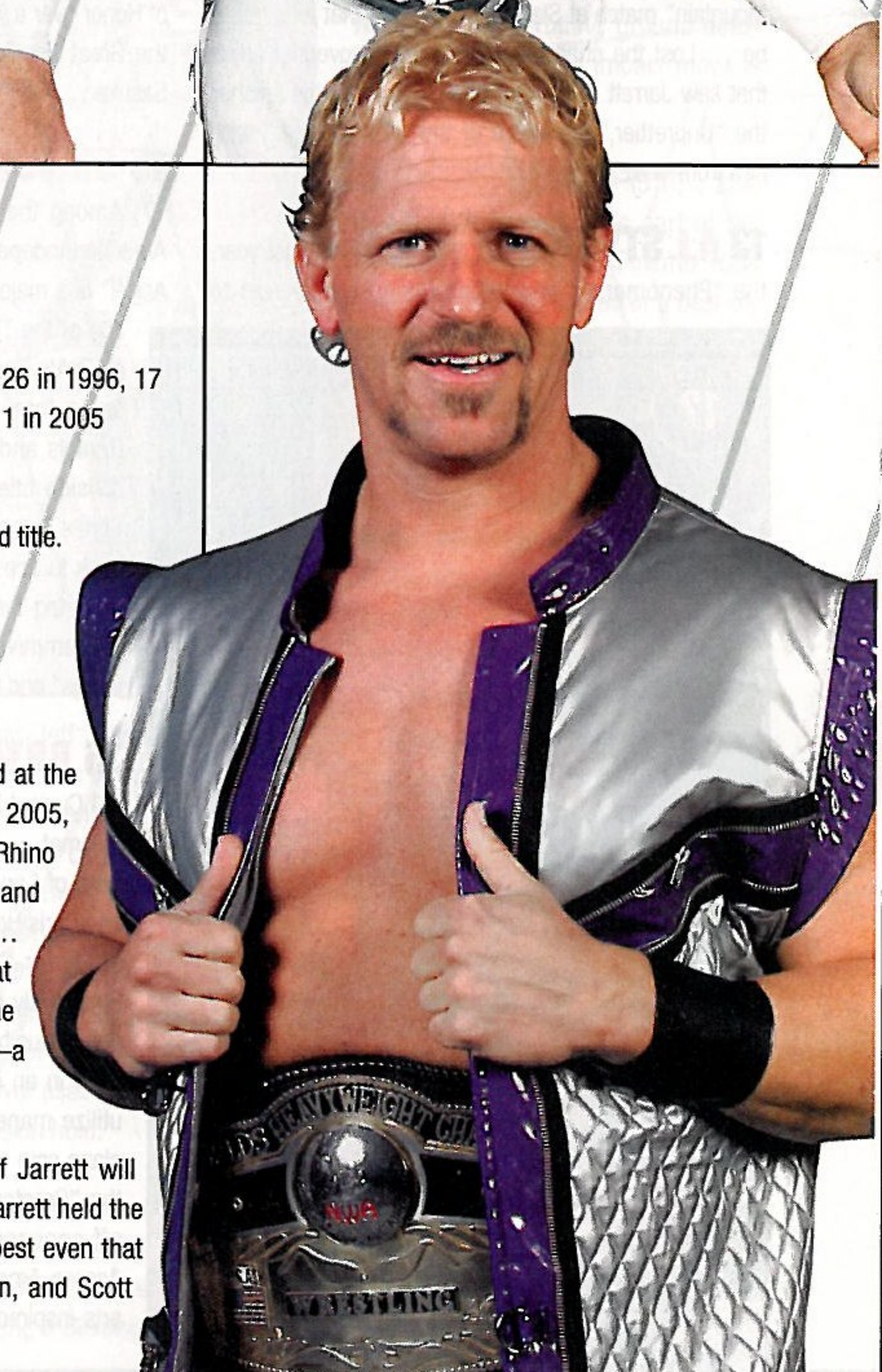
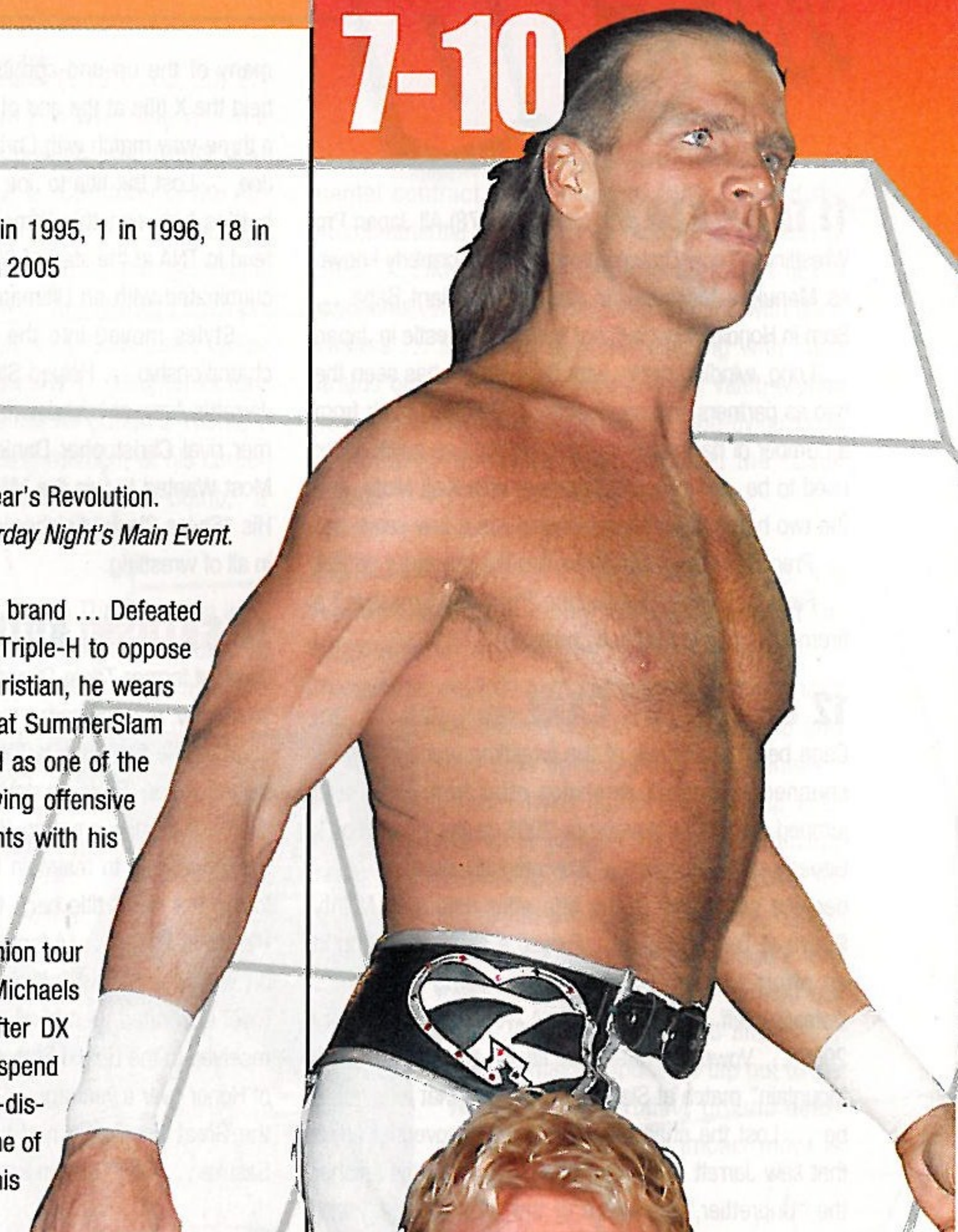
### TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

1. Won the 2006 "King Of The Mountain" match at Slammiversary to capture his sixth NWA World title.
2. Defeated Rhino to become the NWA World champion for a fifth time in October 2005.
3. Regained the NWA World title by defeating Raven in September 2005.
4. Brought both Sting and Scott Steiner out of retirement and into TNA.
5. Lost to Christian Cage at Against All Odds despite interference by Gail Kim.

**WHY HE'S NUMBER 10:** The self-anointed "King Of The Mountain" in TNA remained at the top for the better portion of the last year ... Regained the NWA World title in September 2005, defeating Raven during a Border City Wrestling card in Windsor, Ontario ... Lost the strap to Rhino in October 2005, but regained it a mere 10 days later ... Drew the ire of both Christian Cage and Sting in the past year ... Cage defeated Jarrett for the NWA World title in February 2006 ... Jarrett regained the championship once again by winning the "King Of The Mountain" match at Slammiversary in June 2006 ... Title was briefly vacated due to the controversial finish of the match, but later awarded to Jarrett by Jim Cornette ... Continues to use "The Stroke"—a reverse Russian leg sweep—as his finisher.

**WHERE HE'S HEADED:** Much like Triple-H in WWE, as long as there's a TNA, Jeff Jarrett will apparently be not only a part of it, but right near the top of its world championship rankings. Jarrett held the NWA World title three times over the past year, and the upcoming 12 months may see him best even that mark. Expect him to enter into high-profile feuds with the likes of Samoa Joe, Monty Brown, and Scott Steiner. And don't expect him to lose too many of those matches.

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**11 TAIYO KEA** (6'1", 235, 12, 178) All Japan Pro Wrestling's Triple Crown champion was formerly known as Manukea Mossman in the days of Giant Baba ... Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, but trained to wrestle in Japan ... Long, winding rivalry with D-Lo Brown has seen the two as partners and opponents ... Bounced back from a number of harrowing injuries, but isn't as quick as he used to be ... Occasionally teams with Keiji Muto, and the two had a great championship run a few years ago ... Precision chops and kicks are his signature strikes ... Favorite finisher is called the "Hawaiian Smasher," a fireman's carry turned ace crusher.

**12 CHRISTIAN CAGE** (6'1", 225, 11, 30) Cage became the talk of the wrestling world when he shunned a contract extension offer from WWE and jumped to TNA in November 2005 at the promotion's Genesis pay-per-view ... Was officially declared number-one contender to the title after defeating Monty Brown at Turning Point ... Forged a bond with Sting in an effort to keep the legend wrestling in TNA ... Defeated Jeff Jarrett for the NWA World title in February 2006 ... Vowed to retain the title in the "King Of The Mountain" match at Slammiversary, but that was not to be ... Lost the championship in a controversial finish that saw Jarrett regain the title ... Brought his finisher the "Unprettier," a version of the "Tomakaze," with him from WWE.

**13 A.J. STYLES** (5'10", 202, 9, 7) This past year, the "Phenomenal" one began taking a backseat to



many of the up-and-coming stars of TNA ... Briefly held the X title at the end of 2005, winning the strap in a three-way match with Christopher Daniels and Samoa Joe ... Lost the title to Joe in November 2005 ... The battles between this threesome became the hottest feud in TNA at the start of 2006 ... The three-way feud culminated with an Ultimate X match won by Daniels ... Styles moved into the hunt for the NWA World championship ... Helped Sting's contingent defeat Jeff Jarrett's Army at Lockdown ... Began teaming with former rival Christopher Daniels ... Defeated America's Most Wanted to win the NWA World tag team titles ... His "Styles Clash" finisher is still one of the top moves in all of wrestling.

**14 SATOSHI KOJIMA** (6', 243, 16, 3) All Japan's former Triple Crown champion left New Japan years ago, and the career gamble has paid off big time ... Was the first man in history to simultaneously hold the All Japan Triple Crown and the IWGP heavyweight title, essentially creating the "Quadruple Crown" ... Only managed to maintain it for a few months, before losing the IWGP title back to former tag team partner Hiroyoshi Tenzan ... A former double tag team champion with Kaz Hayashi, Kojima has become one of the most decorated men in all of puroresu ... Was warmly received in the United States for his appearance at Ring of Honor over a year ago ... Sometimes transforms into the Great Kosuke, a nod to fellow wrestler the Great Sasuke ... The "Rydeen Bomb" is his signature hold.

**15 CHRISTOPHER DANIELS** (6', 210, 13, 17) Among the finest wrestlers to emerge from the American independents in the past decade, the "Fallen Angel" is a major player in TNA ... Attacked by Samoa Joe at the TNA Genesis pay-per-view ... Returned at TNA's Turning Point to save A.J. Styles from the same fate, resulting in a partnership between Daniels and Styles ... Won his second career X division title at Destination X, defeating Joe and Styles in an Ultimate X match ... Lost the strap back to Joe in April ... Daniels and Styles won the NWA tag team titles from America's Most Wanted at Slammiversary ... Pet finishers are the "Angel Wings" and the "BME" (Best Moonsault Ever).

**16 BRYAN DANIELSON** (5'8", 190, 5, 76) Current Ring of Honor champion is a marvel on the mat ... Has turned back challenges from the likes of Lance Storm, Homicide, Roderick Strong, and Chris Hero ... Was on the front line for the Ring of Honor-Combat Zone Wrestling turf war ... Supremely skilled scientific wrestler, made more dangerous by his newfound tendencies to break the rules in an effort to keep his title ... Not afraid to utilize maneuvers from the past such as the airplane spin or chicken wing ... Truly believes he is the "Greatest Wrestler In The World" ... Finishes off opponents with a such holds as the "Arms Across America" submission, or a mixed martial arts-inspired elbow to the temple.

**17 PERRO AGUAYO JR.** (5'9", 200, 11, 64) Leader of the most popular stable in all of lucha libre, Los Perros del Mal ... Teamed with his semi-retired father, Perro Aguayo, last year to end their feud with Los Hermanos Dinamitas ... Won the hair of Universo 2000 back in March before a sellout crowd at Arena Mexico ... Former National tag team and National light heavyweight champion ... Wildly charismatic *rudo* has become a favorite of many lucha fans ... Arrived in CMLL shortly after a stint in the independents ... Won this year's Gran Alternativa tag tournament with Misterioso II ... Hot temper has caused this young luchador plenty of problems ... Pet finisher is the double foot stomp known as "La Lanza."

**18 ROB VAN DAM** (6', 237, 15, NL) Former WWE Raw player defected to the newly reformed ECW in June ... Won the "Money In The Bank" ladder match at WrestleMania 22 and was victorious in his title quest against John Cena at ECW One Night Stand II ... Lost the Raw World title to Edge in July, and the ECW title to Big Show one night later ... Spent a month on the suspension list before returning in August 2006 ... Synonymous with the ECW television title through his stay with the original version of the company ... Had some classic matches opposite Kurt Angle in the spring months ... Known for his great agility and rough kicks ... Trademark finisher is the "Five Star Frog Splash," which he executes with amazing height ... Ranking hurt by missing more than half the grading period with a knee injury.

**19 KING BOOKER** (6'3", 250, 16, 20) Smackdown wrestler is typically accompanied by his wife, Sharmell ... Feuded with Chris Benoit in a best-of-seven series, winning the title with help from stand-in Randy Orton ... Famed for his "Spinaronie" breakdance maneuver ... Won the King of the Ring tournament at Judgment Day ... Began going by the name King Booker ... Won a 20-man battle royal which led into a Smackdown World title match against Rey Mysterio Jr. at the Great American Bash ... Defeated Mysterio to win his sixth world title, and his first with WWE ... Uses either an ax kick or the "Bookend" to finish off opponents.

**20 JUN AKIYAMA** (6', 231, 14, 107) The original "ace" of Mitsuharu Misawa's Pro Wrestling NOAH group, Akiyama captured the Global Honored Crown for a second time in his career ... Has not yet defended against any of the company's big guns ... Partnered with Kenta Kobashi to form "The Burning" many years ago, he is now a singles star in his own right ... Introduced the hardcore title into straight-laced NOAH, but the championship is regarded as a joke ... Famed for his front chancery guillotine choke ... Ditched his famous all-blue ring attire a few years back, and now tends to wear white and silver to the ring ... Favorite finisher is the exploder suplex and its variations.

**21 TRIPLE-H** (6'5", 269, 15, 4) WWE mainstay is still a big draw with the Raw brand despite not holding a world championship ... Unable to defeat John Cena at WrestleMania 22, nor in the rematches that followed ... Began to incur the wrath of Vince McMahon in late-spring ... Went through a change of heart and reunited with former friend and rival Shawn Michaels to reform DeGeneration X and made life miserable for the McMahons ... DX entered into an extended feud with The Spirit Squad quintet, coming out on top more often than not ... Trademark move has always been the "Pedigree," a double-underhook facebuster.

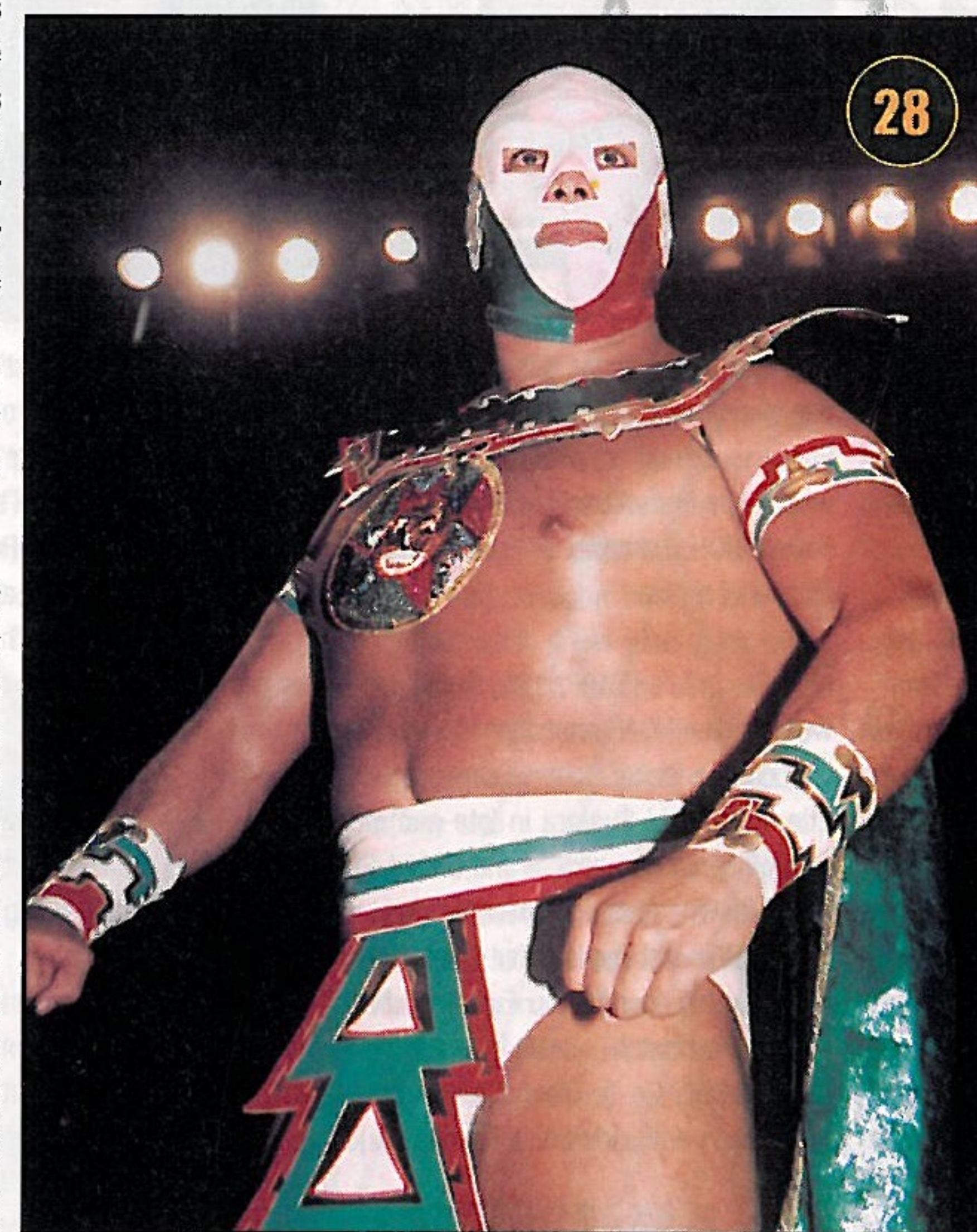
**22 ULTIMO GUERRERO** (6', 200, 16, 12) Masked *rudo* is famed for his incredible strength and consistently excellent bouts in the CMLL group ... The most recognizable member of Los Guerreros del Atlantida, a large stable that also includes his regular matches against wrestlers such as Místico and other high-flyers ... First wrestled under the name Condor Dorado ... A former CMLL tag team champion ... One of the few men to ever win a 16-man cibernetico tournament ... Singles feud with Shocker is legendary in Mexico ... His reverse superplex from the top turnbuckle is a thing of beauty.

**23 BATISTA** (6'6", 318, 9, 1) Former Smackdown World champion ... Lost steam in this year's rankings due to time off for injuries ... Topped last year's list ... Prior to his injuries, he and Rey Mysterio Jr. made for an off-beat, championship tag team for Smackdown ... They had a two week title reign in December 2005, winning the belts from, and then losing them back to M-N-M ... Continued to defend the Smackdown World title until injuring his triceps in a match with Mark Henry ... Tearfully vacated the title during a Smackdown taping in Philadelphia ... His signature move is a vicious sit-out powerbomb that he calls the "Batista Bomb."

**24 RIC FLAIR** (6'1", 241, 33, 51) Wrestling's legendary technician is a part of the WWE's Raw brand ... Despite his illustrious career, enjoyed only his first ever Intercontinental championship run in late-2005 to early-2006 ... Competed in the "Money In The Bank" ladder match at WrestleMania 22 ... Injured by Umaga, Flair returned to find himself in a feud opposite Mick Foley, whom he once called "a glorified stuntman" ... Defeated Foley in a best-of-three falls match at Vengeance ... In a move that seemed almost blasphemous, Flair appeared at an ECW taping to challenge The Big Show for the heavyweight title ... Signature hold is the classic figure-four leglock.

**25 KENSUKE SASAKI** (5'10", 263, 20, 27) Former star of New Japan Pro Wrestling and the short-lived WJ Pro group is now an even bigger sensation since going freelance ... Co-holder of the All-Asian tag titles with his adopted son, Katsuhiko Nakajima ... Possibly Japan's hottest free agent right now ... Four-time former IWGP heavyweight champion and protégé of Riki Choshu ... Sometimes wrestles under the guise of Volcano ... Singles victory defending New Japan against All Japan's Toshiaki Kawada remains the crowning moment of his career ... Favorite move is the "Northern Lights Bomb," a move invented by his wife, Akira Hokuto.

**26 STING** (6'2", 255, 21, NL) The wrestling icon signed a one-year contact with TNA and debuted at Final Resolution after a long stretch of inactivity ...



Teamed with Christian Cage to defeat Jeff Jarrett and Monty Brown ... The win prompted "You've still got it!" chants in the arena ... Jarrett sent Alex Shelley to stalk the Borden family and confirm Sting's departure ... An angry Sting returned, sans face paint, as Steve Borden at Destination X, prompting Jarrett to recruit Scott Steiner for reinforcement ... At Victory Road, Sting defeated Cage, Steiner, and Joe to become the number-one contender for the NWA World title ... Forever associated with the "Scorpion Deathlock" submission hold.

**27 CARLITO** (6', 220, 6, 41) WWE's Puerto Rican sensation is part of the Raw brand ... Son of the legendary Carlos Colon and brother of Eddie Colon, he came up through the WWF before getting a develop-

mental contract and moving to OVW ... Held the Intercontinental title for three months at the end of 2005 ... Likes to spit apple into the faces of his opponents ... Found little success teaming with Chris Masters ... Spent the summer teaming with Trish Stratus opposite Johnny Nitro and his valet, Melina ... Recently began showing off his high-flying skills ... His lung-blower variation is called the "Back Cracker."

**28 DR. WAGNER JR.** (5'9", 216, 20, 43) Veteran CMLL *rudo* is the son of the original Dr. Wagner and the brother of Silver King ... Charismatic masked man sometimes vaults himself off the runway at Arena Mexico and flips onto unsuspecting opponents ... Former IWGP junior tag champ with one-time partner Kendo Ka Shin for New Japan Pro Wrestling ... Known for his brutal overhand chops and drop-kicks ... Like many of Mexico's evil medics, Wagner is usually decked out in his all-white mask and singlet ... Loves to make opponents tap out to his "Wagnerlock," a rolling ground octopus hold ... Signature impact move is the "Michinoku Driver."

**29 CHRIS BENOIT** (5'10", 224, 20, 13) WWE superstar is part of the Smackdown roster ... Former Raw World champion ... Battled in a best-of-seven series with former WCW foe Booker T in January ... Randy Orton stepped in for Booker after Booker suffered a knee injury, and the "Legend Killer" won the title for Book ... Later defeated Booker to win the U.S. title ... Lost the strap to John Bradshaw Layfield at WrestleMania 22 ... Took a little time off to heal up nagging injuries, which cost him a few rungs in the "PWI 500"

ladder ... Takes pleasure in making opponents tap out to his "Crippler Crossface."

**30 RANDY ORTON** (6'5", 265, 6, 29) After a brief suspension, the "Legend Killer" is back in action with the Raw brand again ... Had a brutal, bloody feud with the Undertaker last year that spilled over to the Smackdown brand, to which Orton was later traded ... Stole Rey Mysterio Jr.'s Smackdown World title shot by using the ropes for leverage during their match at No Way Out ... Lost a three-way championship match to Rey Mysterio Jr. at WrestleMania 22 ... Took a sudden interest in the career of Brooke Hogan, the 18-year-old daughter of the legendary Hulk Hogan ... Uses an "Ace Crusher" as a finisher, which he calls the "RKO."



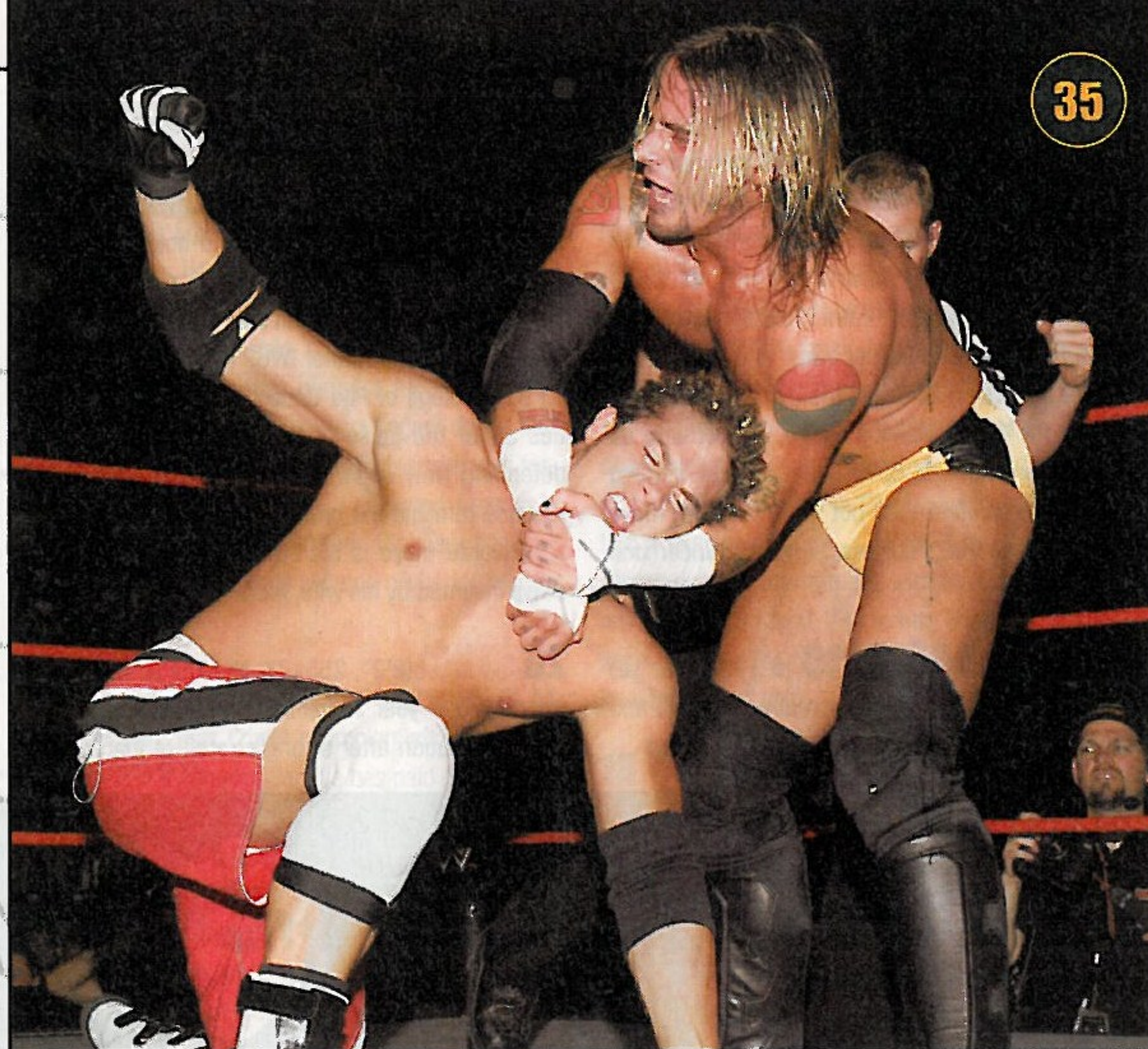
**31 TIGER MASK IV** (5'7", 178, 16, 21) New Japan's junior heavyweight ace recently lost the IWGP junior title to Koji Kanemoto ... Became the first man in history to win back-to-back Best of the Super Junior tournaments in 2004 and 2005, then followed up by going to the finals of this year's tournament, losing to Minoru Tanaka ... Feuded with the newest incarnation of Black Tiger for most of the year ... In-ring style mirrors that of the original Tiger Mask, Satoru Sayama ... Has invented a dangerous new move, a standing backflip into a double kneedrop onto supine opponents ... Likes to put away opponents with the "Tiger Suplex."

**32 EL HIJO DEL SANTO** (5'6", 170, 24, 24) Son of the most famous luchador of all-time, El Santo ... Teamed up with rookie sensation Místico a number of times this year, and the two have become an incredible pairing ... Mexico's most in-demand performer, this popular *tecnico* headlines shows all over Mexico and the United States, particularly in Chicago, Detroit, and Los Angeles ... Learned his trade under the name Korak, so he would be aptly prepared to accept the mantle of Santo ... Recently held the CMLL tag team titles with Negro Casas ... "El Caballo," also known as the camel clutch, is the submission finisher his father passed to him.

**33 HIROYOSHI TENZAN** (6', 248, 16, 10) New Japan's franchise player held the IWGP tag team titles with longtime partner Masa Chono as of press time ... Was the top dog of New Japan for most of 2005, taking back the IWGP heavyweight title from All Japan's Satoshi Kojima ... Tenzan traded the IWGP title in the past with the likes of Kensuke Sasaki and Shinsuke Nakamura ... Breaks opponents down with his chops and headbutts ... Still wears his buffalo head gear and horns to the ring ... Frequently uses the moonsault press, but now favors his "TTD" ("Tenzan Tombstone Driver") as a finishing maneuver.

**34 ATLANTIS** (5'8", 199, 23, 130) Lifelong *tecnico* went *rudo* this past year, joining up with Ultimo Guerrero and Rey Bucanero and renaming their stable Los Guerreros del Atlantida ... They feuded with Los Perros del Mal, another CMLL stable ... Master of the spinning torture rack called "La Atlantida," he applies it to much bigger opponents with ease ... The Acapulco native remains one of Mexico's most consistent performers ... Switched his famous white and blue mask to a black and blue design since joining the *rudos*.

**35 C.M. PUNK** (6'1", 220, 8, 40) Midwestern independent star landed a WWE developmental deal, spent some time in OVW, and is now part of the revived ECW brand ... Brent Albright, who was chasing Ken Doane's TV title, set his sights on Punk, which began one of the most brutally intense feuds in OVW history



... Met Albright in the finals of the OVW heavyweight title tournament, with "The Shooter" getting the best of Punk ... Gained his revenge, taking the OVW heavyweight title from Albright in a strap match in March ... Former ROH champion ... Punk's "Pepsi Plunge" is his finisher of choice.

**36 KENTA** (5'10", 195, 8, 65) Top junior heavyweight of the NOAH promotion is a worldwide sensation ... Lost the Global Honored Crown junior heavyweight title to Takashi Sugiura in late-summer ... Made a handful of appearances in the United States this past year with Ring of Honor, which was met with great fanfare ... Won last year's Differ Cup tag team tournament with Marufuji over Minoru Fujita and Ikuto Hidaka in a spectacular match ... Has invented his own finishing move called "Go To Sleep," which starts with a fireman's carry and ends with a knee to the jaw.

**37 SHELTON BENJAMIN** (6'2", 245, 6, 9) Former tag team and Intercontinental champion as well as an All-American amateur wrestler from the University of Minnesota ... Feuded with Carlito and Johnny Nitro in Raw during the summer months ... Former teammate of Charlie Haas, Shelton's star took off once he went to singles competition ... One of the WWE's most athletically gifted athletes ... For a short stint, Shelton's mama became a personality on the Raw roster before health concerns ushered her off the program ... Leaps to the top rope with incredible agility ... Likes to put opponents away with a T-bone suplex.

**38 ABYSS** (6'4", 295, 7, 37) One of the most powerful men on the TNA roster, Abyss is managed by James Mitchell ... Set his sights on gaining the NWA World title in 2006 and began feuding with then-cham-

pion, Christian Cage ... After losing the match, hung Christian from the steel cage and literally stole the belt, which Cage reclaimed at Sacrifice ... Competed in the "King Of The Mountain" match with Cage, Jarrett, Sting, and Ron Killings ... Jarrett took home the title ... Abyss began wrestling tag matches with the James Gang ... The group faced Team 3D at Victory Road in July ... Finisher is the "Black Hole Slam."

**39 REY BUCANERO** (5'11", 197, 15, 38) Veteran *rudo* of CMLL went *tecnico* in June, leaving Los Guerreros del Atlantida ... His name literally means "pirate king" ... Nephew of legendary luchador Pirata Morgan ... Learned the ropes as Morgan's partner before losing his mask and adopting a new ring style ... Held both the CMLL tag team and CMLL trios titles in the past ... Sometimes dons face paint for his matches in Mexico ... Has wrestled for New Japan Pro Wrestling, the Toryumon, and all over the globe ... Almost always appears in multiple-man matches ... New finishing move is like a stuffed version of the "Rubik's Cube."

**40 JUSHIN LIGER** (5'6", 208, 23, 39) New Japan Pro Wrestling icon is the most important junior heavyweight wrestler of the last 20 years ... Horned mask and red and white attire is among the most recognizable in all of pro-wrestling ... Has held the IWGP junior title 10 times in his career, and an 11th title win here in the States isn't recognized in his homeland ... Has held titles in Pro Wrestling NOAH (junior heavyweight) and Osaka Pro (tag team) ... Lost to Tiger Mask IV in this year's Best of the Super Juniors tournament ... Inventor of the "Liger Bomb" and shooting star press ... Revered for his precision palm strikes to the head and his brutal brainbuster.

**41 MARK HENRY** (6'2", 372, 10, NL) The self-proclaimed "World's Strongest Man" has the weightlifting records to prove it ... Seems to bounce back and forth between the main roster and the developmental circuit every few years ... Started his WWE career in 1996 and has held only one championship, the WWE European title, for just a month ... Has become much more aggressive since his return to Smackdown ... Has several wins over Rey Mysterio Jr., but all in non-title bouts ... Former Olympic powerlifter ... Severely injured his knee in late-summer, which could sideline him for a year ... Has one of the sport's most devastating powerslams.

**42 RHINO** (5'10", 250, 12, 157) "The War Machine" made quite an impression on TNA when he joined the promotion in mid-2005 after departing from WWE ... Immediately aligned himself with the hated Jeff Jarrett upon arrival ... Gained a title shot against Jarrett by winning a 10-man gauntlet match ... Won the NWA World championship from Jarrett, only to lose it back 10 days later ... Very publicly turned down a reported offer from WWE to join the reformed ECW ... Went so far as to set ablaze the original ECW TV and World titles on a July episode of *Impact* ... Pet finisher is still his vicious "Gore."

**43 HIROSHI TANAHASHI** (5'11", 227, 7, NL) New Japan Pro Wrestling sensation is a native of Gifu, Japan ... Former IWGP tag team champion with Shinsuke Nakamura ... Held the Under 30 championship for much of the past year ... Held the IWGP tag

team titles twice, as well as NOAH's GHC tag titles, and teamed with Yuji Nagata ... Appeared in King's Road for a match, where he handily defeated Kazushi Miyamoto ... Popped up in TNA this past year, where he made quite an impression ... Also wrestled using the moniker Devil Lock ... A successful collegiate wrestler for years before turning pro ... Perfectly executes the "Dragon Suplex," an invention of his mentor, Tatsumi Fujinami.

**44 THE BIG SHOW** (7'2", 485, 11, 31) ECW's giant recently defected from the WWE's Raw brand on the promise of a title shot ... Almost immediately thereafter, he captured the ECW championship from Rob Van Dam, with an assist by Paul Heyman ... The first man in history to hold the WWE, WCW, and ECW titles ... Wrestled as The Giant during his WCW days ... Slow-moving in the ring, but his offense is simply devastating ... Destroys his opponents with a chokeslam ... Formed a short-lived championship tag team with Kane this past year ... The incredibly powerful wrestler has massive hands and crushing chops ... Added a new move to his repertoire, a cobra clutch hold swung into a backbreaker.

**45 DOS CARAS JR.** (6'4", 233, 6, 160) Son of the famed luchador Dos Caras, he is also the nephew of Mil Mascaras and Sicodelico ... Won the Junior Cup tournament this year, a tournament only open to second-generation wrestlers ... The gifted Greco-Roman-style wrestler was a natural upon turning pro ... Became an overnight sensation a few years back with an upset mixed martial arts win in Japan ... Also noted for his amazing strength, he gorilla presses opponents of any size ... Has a great German suplex ... Now with CMLL, he previously wrestled for AAA ... Towers over most luchadores ... Incorporates some flying moves into his mat-based repertoire ... A popular *tecnico* practically since his debut ... His armbars are feared the world over.

**46 CHRIS HARRIS** (6'2", 238, 5, 67) TNA tag team specialist forms America's Most Wanted with partner Chris Harris ... Joined up with Jeff Jarrett's faction Planet Jarrett ... Regained the tag titles in October 2005 for the sixth time with Storm, defeating The Naturals ... Harris would also compete as part of NWA Cyberspace, where he briefly held the promotion's heavyweight title ... Harris and Storm dropped the NWA World tag titles to Christopher Daniels and A.J. Styles at Slammiversary in June ... The duo utilizes the "Death Sentence"—a finisher similar to that used by Demolition in the 1980s.



**47 NIGEL MCGUINNESS** (6'1", 220, 6, 124) Ring of Honor's current Pure wrestling champion splits his time between commitments in the U.S., his native Europe, and in Japan for Mitsuharu Misawa's Pro Wrestling NOAH ... Regularly teaming with Doug Williams in NOAH, the two are in contendership for the GHC tag team titles ... NOAH tours have pitted him against stars such as Kenta Kobashi, Jun Akiyama, and Takeshi Rikio ... Holds a countout victory over the current ROH champion Bryan Danielson, as well as individual wins over the current ROH tag champs Roderick Strong and Austin Aries ... The classic Lancashire-style wrestler is a submission virtuoso.

**48 AVERNO** (5'8", 182, 11, 70) Masked *rudo* is the regular partner of Mephisto and one of Místico's great rivals ... Lost the CMLL tag team titles to Místico and Negro Casas after a healthy, year-long reign ... Began his career as Rencor Latino ... Spent a few years in trios matches with Satanico, but broke out on his own ... His creepy mask and gear were designed by a lucky CMLL fan ... Surprisingly powerful despite his small stature ... He and Mephisto have supplanted Último Guerrero and Rey Bucanero as Mexico's top tag team ... His name is the Spanish word for hell ... Favorite finisher starts like the "Pedigree," but he pulls his opponents straight up like a piledriver, and then sits down.

**49 KATSUHIKO NAKAJIMA** (5'9", 180, 3, NL) Protégé and adopted son of Kensuke Sasaki and Akira Hokuto, he is one of Japan's fastest rising stars ... Turned pro at the age of 15 and has been going strong ever since ... Has appeared with a diverse array of promotions like Dragon Gate, New Japan Pro Wrestling, and Zero One Max ... Competed in All Japan's junior tag team tournament back in March, partnering with Taiji Ishimori ... Holds the All-Asian tag titles with Sasaki ... Splits his time between wrestling and finishing high school ... The former WWA junior lightweight champion toured Mexico briefly and struck up a rivalry with Crazy Boy ... His kicks are simply devastating, particularly his "R-15" kick.

**50 KANE** (6'7", 326, 12, 19) The Raw Superstar has been a WWE mainstay for years ... Starred in the WWE films first project, See No Evil, a slasher-style horror picture ... Was tormented, for reasons unknown, by any mention of his movie's release date, May 19 ... Held the Raw World tag team championship with the Big Show ... The big man isn't afraid to fly from the top rope ... A Kane imposter appeared on the scene in May, but didn't last long ... The original destroyed the imposter Kane on Raw the night after Vengeance, putting him out of commission ... Finishing move is the chokeslam, but he sometimes resorts to the tombstone piledriver in a pinch.



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**51 BOBBY LASHLEY** (6'3", 255, 7, 155) The Smackdown wrestler isn't called "Blaster" anymore ... A former national wrestling champion, he was recruited into the OVW developmental system and was managed there by Kenny Bolin ... Briefly held the U.S. title ... Feud with Booker T, who defeated him in the King of the Ring tournament, helped this youngster learn the ropes and become a more well-rounded grappler ... Now embroiled in a long rivalry with Finlay ... He got the better of Booker in a cage match during the summer ... Uses Ron Simmons' old finisher, the "Dominator" slam, as his trademark move.

**52 KEIJI MUTO** (6'1", 244, 23, 99) President and most recognizable star of All Japan Pro Wrestling made his name across two decades in his native country ... The former Great Muta of New Japan Pro Wrestling, he still dons his famed face paint from time to time ... Made his first appearance in Mexico in May of this year, with Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon ... A former two-time All Japan Triple Crown champ, as well as a three-time IWGP heavyweight champion ... Won both the annual Champion Carnival tournament and the G1 Climax in his career ... Finisher is the "Shining Wizard," a wicked knee strike to the temple or face.

**53 JAMES STORM** (6', 225, 5, 71) It's nearly impossible to find a photo of Storm in TNA without a sneer on his face or a beer bottle in his hand ... With longtime partner Chris Harris, Storm makes up half of one of the most dominant tag teams in wrestling, America's Most Wanted ... Joined up with Jeff Jarrett's faction Planet Jarrett ... Regained the tag titles in October 2005 for the sixth time with Storm, defeating The Naturals ... Harris and Storm dropped the NWA World tag titles to Christopher Daniels and A.J. Styles at Slammiversary in June ... their tag team finisher, the "Death Sentence," is similar to Demolition's old "Decapitation" move.

**54 MEPHISTO** (5'9", 191, 18, 77) One of CMLL's top *rudos*, Mephisto and Averno have become Mexico's top tag team over the course of the last year ... Lost the CMLL tag titles to Negro Casas and Místico in late summer ... A second generation star, he is the son of former wrestler Kahoz, better known as Astro Rey ... Started his wrestling career under the name Kahoz Jr. before reinventing himself for the big leagues ... Also a former CMLL welterweight champion ... Favorite move is the power bomb, of which he has several variations at his disposal.

**55 KAZ HAYASHI** (5'8", 187, 14, 73) Top junior heavyweight of All Japan Pro Wrestling began his career in Michinoku Pro as Shiryu, before leaving Japan for WCW in the 1990s ... Wrestled in Mexico for groups like IWRG before giving up his mask and wrestling

under his given name ... Transferred into the WWE developmental program when WCW was bought out, but quickly sought his release and returned to Japan ... Joined All Japan Pro Wrestling under his mentor Keiji Mutoh ... Does the majority of the training in the All Japan dojo these days ... Has wrestled in past Best of the Super Juniors and Super J Cup tournaments ... Does a great slingshot DDT.

**56 CIMA** (5'11", 202, 9, 191) The top star of the Toryumon group joined Tokyo Magnum's renegade promotion, Dragon Gate, last summer, as did many of his Toryumon cohorts ... Took a leave of absence from Dragon Gate and popped up in Mexico, working for AAA and other groups as well ... Made his U.S. debut as part of a six-man contingent from Dragon Gate in the Ring of Honor promotion ... Former leader of the Crazy Max stable that terrorized Toryumon and Michinoku Pro rings for years ... Likes to set up his "Iconoclasm" from the turnbuckles with an uppercut blow known as "Venus."

**57 NAOMICHI MARUFUJI** (5'11", 211, 8, 32) Breakout star of the NOAH promotion is regarded as one of the finest junior heavyweights active today ... His former tag team with fellow junior heavyweight KENTA was a sensation in Japan and was honored as best tag team by magazines, newspapers, and fans alike ... Challenged KENTA for the GHC junior heavyweight title he once held, but couldn't beat his former partner ... A former GHC tag team champion with Minoru Suzuki ... Won the 2005 Differ Cup with KENTA ... Known for his baggy pants and wild hair ... Quick high-flyer has a great dropkick and perfect suicide dives ... Finisher is the "Shiranui."

**58 BLACK WARRIOR** (5'7", 201, 20, 167) High-flying CMLL star abandoned one-time partner

Mistico and joined the *rudos* ... Spent years fluctuating between the *tecnicos* and *rudos* prior to his latest turn ... Wrestled for AAA years ago under the name Vegas ... His tope through the ropes is famous throughout Mexico as he routinely ends up five rows deep into the audience ... Nephew of mat master Blue Panther, they were in a stable together called Los Laguneros ... Former NWA lightweight champion ... Held the NWA middleweight title at the end of the summer ... Pet finisher is "Nudo Lagunero," a leglock where he deadlifts his opponents off the mat to increase the pressure.

**59 THE UNDERTAKER** (6'10", 304, 17, 26) Iconic WWE figure is part of the Smackdown roster ... Beat Mark Henry at WrestleMania 22 to keep his winning streak alive at the pay-per-view ... Currently feuding with The Great Khali ... Reprised his "Dead Man" persona after his biker persona failed to stick ... Favorite specialty match is the casket match, which he rarely loses ... Has also had his share of legendary "Hell In A Cell" bouts as well ... Nagging injuries cost him some ring time this year ... Does not use the tombstone piledriver as often as he once did ... Mixes in the "Last Ride" power bomb he adopted a few years back to finish off opponents.

**60 TAKESHI RIKIO** (5'11", 252, 7, 84) NOAH heavyweight will forever be remembered as the man who ended Kenta Kobashi's two-year reign as Global Honored Crown champion ... An unlikely successor, his reign didn't prove to be much of a box-office success ... Lost the title belt to Jun Akiyama earlier this year ... Isn't afraid to use his splash from the top rope to flatten opponents ... Part of the Wild II stable in NOAH ... Finishing move is called "Muso," a back suplex converted in mid-air to the "Rock Bottom."

**61 AUSTIN ARIES** (5'9", 202, 5, 62) Milwaukee-native held the ROH tag team titles with partner Roderick Strong as of press time ... Recently re-signed with TNA to compete in the X division ... Known for his explosive and hard-hitting style, this Eddie Sharkey trainee has not let his 2005 loss of the ROH championship slow him down ... Rose to stardom virtually overnight after upsetting Samoa Joe over two years ago ... Along with Roderick Strong, amassed wins over Jay and Mark Briscoe, A.J. Styles, and Matt Sydal, plus Dragon Gate stars CIMA and Naruki Doi ... Toured Dragon Gate in early-July as part of the WrestleJAM tour with partner Strong ... Puts his opponents away with a 450 splash.

**62 HECTOR GARZA** (5'10", 202, 14, 47) One of CMLL's top *rudos*, he's a key member of Perro Aguayo Jr.'s Los Perros del Mal stable ... Ironically, the two spent years in a bitter rivalry during their AAA days ... Movie-star good looks helps him maintain his loyal contingent of female fans ... Previously part of La Furia del Norte, along with fellow Monterrey natives El Terrible and Tarzan Boy ... Lost his hair last year to Universo 2000 ... Had a short stint with TNA a few years back ... Son of luchador Humberto Garza ... Has a beautiful Cancun tornado press, and a picture-perfect moonsault press.

**63 RODERICK STRONG** (5'10", 205, 5, 232) Tampa native first gained fame in the Florida independents before becoming a player in Ring of Honor ... He and Austin Aries are the ROH tag team champs, having defeated Tony Mamaluke and Sal Rinauro ... Toured the Dragon Gate promotion in early-July and lost a hard-fought bout to Masaaki Mochizuki ... Competes regularly in the Southern California-based promotion PWG, where he feuded with the high-flying Matt Sydal ... Trademark submission hold is the "Stronghold," a high arc variation of the Boston crab, but he is famed for his innumerable backbreaker variations.

**64 JOHN BRADSHAW LAYFIELD** (6'7", 309, 14, 5) Former Smackdown World champion moved behind the microphone while recovering from injury ... Not as active as he was last year, which cost him in the rankings ... Commonly called "JBL," and well-known for flashing the Texas Longhorn symbol ... Won the U.S. championship from Chris Benoit at WrestleMania 22 ... Surrounded himself with lackeys like Orlando Jordan and the Bashams in years past ... Throws one of the sport's hardest lariats, from which few opponents have been able to recover.

**65 TARZAN BOY** (5'10", 206, 13, 235) Among CMLL's most hated

*rudos* ... Abandoned Perro Aguayo Jr. in a tag team match at the end of 2005 that kicked off the hottest feud in Mexico, pitting Los Guerreros del Atlantida against Aguayo's Los Perros del Mal ... Partner of Rey Bucanero, Ultimo Guerrero, and new addition Atlantis ... Had a short stint with the WWE years ago during their SuperAstros days under the name Armando Fernandez ... A former CMLL trios champion, as well as a former NWA light heavyweight champ ... The handsome young luchador is utterly despised by the loyal Arena Mexico fans ... Unmasked Angel o Demonio years ago in Tlanepantla ... Famed for his precision arm drags.

**66 MASA CHONO** (5'11", 245, 23, 57) Iconic star of New Japan Pro Wrestling has been battling neck and back injuries for years, but refuses to reduce his schedule ... Tag team specialist held the IWGP tag title with partner Hiro Yoshi Tenzan as of the late-summer ... Their fifth reign together as champions ... His kekka kick has become the bane of all New Japan wrestlers ... Appeared in a number of puroresu dream matchups these last few years opposite top stars like Mitsu Haru Misawa and Kenta Kobashi ... Trained in the same group as Keiji Muto and the late Shinya Hashimoto, the trio was known as The Three Musketeers ... Learned the STF from legendary NWA champ Lou Thesz.

**67 COLT CABANA** (6'1", 235, 7, 95) Ring of Honor regular has several tours of Europe as well as Japan under his belt ... One of the most popular independent wrestlers active today, he's a former running mate of current ECW brand wrestler C.M. Punk ... Exudes great charisma and poise in the ring ... Appears with 1PW in England where he sometimes teams with Darren Burridge ... Feuds with Homicide and Nigel McGuinness resulted in some intense bouts ... His wacky sense of humor shines through in his matches ... Pet move is the "Colt 45" double under-hook, sit-down backbreaker.

**68 GENICHIRO TENRYU** (6'1", 275, 30, 112) This bona fide puroresu legend is now a freelancer ... Appears semi-regularly for the Dragon Gate company, where he is teaming up and alternately feuding with Tokyo Magnum ... One of the few men alive to have held both the All Japan Triple Crown and the IWGP heavyweight title ... Despite his age, Tenryu's never been better ... Always clad in black and yellow ... Known for his hard chops and kicks ... Finisher is a jackhammer-like move that fans have dubbed the "54-Year-Old," a nod to Tenryu's age.

**69 DOUG WILLIAMS** (6'1", 233, 10, 138) This British export is a regular with Mitsu Haru Misawa's Pro Wrestling NOAH in Japan ... A mainstay of groups like the FWA and 1PW in his native England ... Nickname is "The Anarchist" ... Made waves on the American scene a few years back after a handful of appearances with Ring of Honor ... A former ROH Pure wrestling champion, he's also held the GHC tag team belts with Scorpio ... One of the best counter-wrestlers active in the sport today ... Signature move is the "Chaos Theory," a Delfin special-style rolling German suplex that starts like a basic "O'Connor Roll."

**70 SHOCKER** (5'8", 191, 14, 52) Former CMLL star has been with AAA since last year, switching back and forth between the *rudo* and *tecnico* camps ... Reinvented his famous stable as Los Guapos VIP with the likes of Alan Stone and Scorpio Jr., feuding with Juventud Guerrera's Mexican Power group ... Sometimes accompanied to the ring by his father, retired luchador Ruben Soria ... Has wrestled in the United States and Japan ... Pops up in TNA from time to time, often as part of Team Mexico ... Has a spectacular flying bodypress ... Pet submission hold is a wild stretch known as "La Reinera."

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**71 MILANO COLLECTION A.T.** (5'11", 179, 6, 249) Former ace of the now-defunct T2P promotion has become a bona fide U.S. star since departing from Dragon Gate last year and becoming a free agent ... Protégé of Skayde and Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon group ... Had a short stint in ROH domestically ... Now a regular in CHIKARA ... Made a great showing at the annual ECWA Super 8 tournament and the Tag World Grand Prix ... Won the Jeff Peterson Memorial Cup in June ... Makes his foes tap out to his dreaded "A.T. Lock" submission.

**72 JOHNNY NITRO** (6', 204, 3, 80) Recently arrived on WWE's Raw brand after spending most of the last year on Smackdown ... Won the Intercontinental title from Shelton Benjamin at Vengeance ... Has been feuding with Benjamin and Carlito ever since ... Always paired with WWE Diva Melina ... Began feuding with Ric Flair toward the end of this summer ... Looking for more singles action since leaving partner Joey Mercury and their tag team, collectively known as M-N-M ... M-N-M held the Smackdown World tag team titles on three occasions ... Uses a standing shooting star press to put opponents away.

**73 BROTHER DEVON** (6'1", 245, 15, NL) Departed from WWE following the first ECW One Night Stand in August 2005, and moved to TNA with fellow Dudley Brother Ray (formerly Buh Buh Ray) ... Lost a legal battle with WWE over the rights to the name

"Dudley" ... Thus, Team 3D debuted with TNA in October 2005 ... Immediately set their sights on America's Most Wanted and the NWA World tag team titles ... Became sidetracked by a feud with Team Canada ... Team 3D's pet finisher is "The 3D."

**74 TOKYO MAGNUM** (5'11", 201, 9, 122) Rose to fame under Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon banner ... Led the majority of the roster in a mass exodus, and started up Dragon Gate about a year ago ... Took his biggest career win in February when he pinned Genichiro Tenryu in Fukuoka ... Has also teamed with Tenryu on Dragon Gate cards in the spring ... Long feud with CIMA has produced consistently great matches over the years ... Charismatic grappler delights female fans with his dancing ... Skillful in the air, he calls his graceful shooting star press the "AV Press" ... Signature move is called the "Viagra Driver."

**75 LA. PARK** (6', 230, 24, 35) Former independent star has become a regular headliner for CMLL at Arena Mexico ... Joined the *rudos* back in May ... Feud with Dr. Wagner Jr. over the UWA title came to an abrupt end in the summer months ... Wrestled for years as La Parka, but litigation with AAA owner Antonio Pena over rights to the Parka name resulted in his new moniker ... Teamed with Shocker before Shocker departed for AAA ... Favorite finisher is the high-speed sunset flip called "Yoshi Tonic," but he's best known for his skill of swinging a steel chair.

**76 BROTHER RAY** (6'4", 276, 15, NL) Released by WWE in August 2005, the Dudleys made their move to TNA ... Multiple-time tag team champion in both

WWE and the original ECW with partner Devon ... Debuted with TNA in October 2005 ... Immediately set their sights on America's Most Wanted and the NWA World tag team titles ... Became sidetracked by a feud with Team Canada ... Reunited with the former Spike Dudley (now Brother Runt) ... The names have changed, but their in-your-face style has not ... Their "3D" finisher (formerly "Dudley Death Drop") is still their favorite way to end a match.

**77 MINORU SUZUKI** (5'10", 220, 19, NL) As a freelance wrestler, Suzuki pops up all over the Japanese puroresu scene ... Gave a great showing in his title match opposite GHC champ Jun Akiyama in April, but came out on the business end of an exploder suplex at the finish ... Had a tremendous run in All Japan's annual Champions Carnival tournament, rolling over practically all of the competition ... Formed a successful tag team with Naomichi Marufuji in NOAH, and the two held the Global Honored Crown tag team titles last year ... A submission virtuoso, he favors the classic sleeperhold.

**78 OLIMPICO** (5'10", 194, 14, NL) One of the red-hot Guerreros de Atlantida led by Atlantis and Último Guerrero ... Spent some time on the sidelines this year due to a fractured fibula ... Caught up in the Guerreros war with Perro Aguayo Jr.'s Los Perros del Mal stable ... Was a longtime *técnico* before converting to the *rudos* about two years back ... Son of luchador Roy Aguirre ... Has competed for New Japan Pro Wrestling, but confines most of his activity to his native Mexico ... Favorite hold is the "Cristo Invertido."

**79 IKUTO HIDAKA** (5'8", 189, 8, NL) Zero One Max star captured the NOAH junior tag team titles with longtime partner Minoru Fujita in something of a promotional coup ... Has wrestled all over the world and for various Japanese promotions ... Came up through promotions like BattlArts and Michinoku Pro ... Has terrific precision with his kicks ... As a single, he held the Zero One International lightweight title, before losing it to Takuya Sugawara ... Destroys opponents with his swinging DDT variation ... Signature submission hold is Shoichi Funaki's "Shawn Capture" kneebar.

**80 BRENT ALBRIGHT** (6', 230, 4, 82) Was known briefly to WWE fans as Gunner Scott ... Returned to Ohio Valley developmental circuit, where earlier in the year he had a long feud with C.M. Punk ... Two-time former OWW heavyweight champion ... Lost the title to Punk in a strap match shortly before departing from OWW ... Began making appearances on Smackdown back in April ... Became a member of the WWE main roster in May, teaming with men such as Chris Benoit and Matt Hardy ... "The Shooter" finishes off his opponents with a wakitagatamae that he calls "The Crowbar."

**81 MINORU FUJITA** (5'9", 195, 9, 261) Zero One Max star has wrestled all over the world, including for IWA in Puerto Rico, IWRG in Mexico, and CZW and Jersey All Pro during a brief tour of the United States back in 2001 ... Captured the NOAH GHC junior tag team titles with longtime partner Ikuto Hidaka, the two have been a top-flight tandem since their days in Michinoku Pro and BattlArts ... They lost the NWA Intercontinental tag belts to Yutaka Yoshie and Steve Corino in February 2006 ... Has great German and Dragon Suplexes ... Uses a unique submission hold, a reverse viper hold he calls "Boneyard," as his finisher.

**82 NEGRO CASAS** (5'7", 185, 26, 144) The most famous wrestling son of Pepe Casas ... His brothers are fellow CMLL stars Felino and Heavy Metal ... Captured the CMLL tag team titles with partner Místico, winning them from Averno and Mephisto ... Popped up at the first Super J Cup tournament, and has toured Japan as recently as this summer ... Called "Mr. 4:40," which is an allusion to the music he uses for his entrances ... Delivers vicious dropkicks to the face ... One of the head trainers at Arena Mexico.

**83 TOSHIAKI KAWADA** (5'10", 240, 25, 46) All Japan Pro Wrestling's homegrown ace announced that he had been working for years without a contract, and declared himself a freelance operative last year ... A multiple-time Triple Crown ... Remained with All Japan after the NOAH exodus led by Mitsuharu Misawa ... Known for his trademark yellow and black ring attire and his signature kicks to the face and head ... Has had classic matches with men like Misawa, Kenta Kobashi, Hiroshi Hase, and Genichiro Tenryu ... His favorite hold is the "Stretch Plum," a head and arm submission ... Finishing move is the brainbuster.

**84 MR. AGUILA** (5'8", 200, 11, 111) Left AAA for greener pastures in CMLL, and teamed up with Perro Aguayo Jr.'s Los Perros del Mal stable ... Former WWE-star (Essa Rios) was a bit player in the U.S., but is a major star in his native Mexico ... Faced Místico in an exciting singles contest this year, but his main focus has been on Los Guerrero del Atlantida ... Joined Hector Garza, Abismo Negro, and Juventud Guerrera as Team Mexico to challenge for the X Cup in TNA a couple of years back ... Known for his corkscrew variation of moves like the tope con hilo and the tope suicida.

**85 TAKESHI MORISHIMA** (6'3", 297, 8, NL) NOAH heavyweight is just beginning to show his star power ... He and current partner Mohammed Yone lost the GHC tag team titles to Kenta Kobashi and Tamon Honda in June 2006 ... Made an appearance with the new Big Mouth Loud group, teaming with Naomichi Marufuji ... Had an outstanding singles bout opposite Mitsuharu Misawa in the spring that showed he was ready for main events ... Debuted in England with the 1PW group this past year ... While in the U.K., captured the 3CW title from Doug Williams ... Finisher is the "Amaze Impact," a face-down chokeslam.

**86 PETEY WILLIAMS** (5'7", 179, 5, 23) Last year, we declared TNA's Petey Williams to be pound-for-pound one of the best wrestlers in the world ... Led Team Canada into the World X Cup tournament where his impressive victory in the gauntlet match at Sacrifice set up a "Captain vs. Captain" match against Chris Sabin of Team U.S.A. to determine the champion ... Lost that match cleanly, allowing the U.S. to capture the World X Cup ... Faced the legendary Jushin Liger in TNA ... Team Canada was officially disbanded in July by order of Jim Cornette ... His "Canadian Destroyer" finisher is a full-flip piledriver.

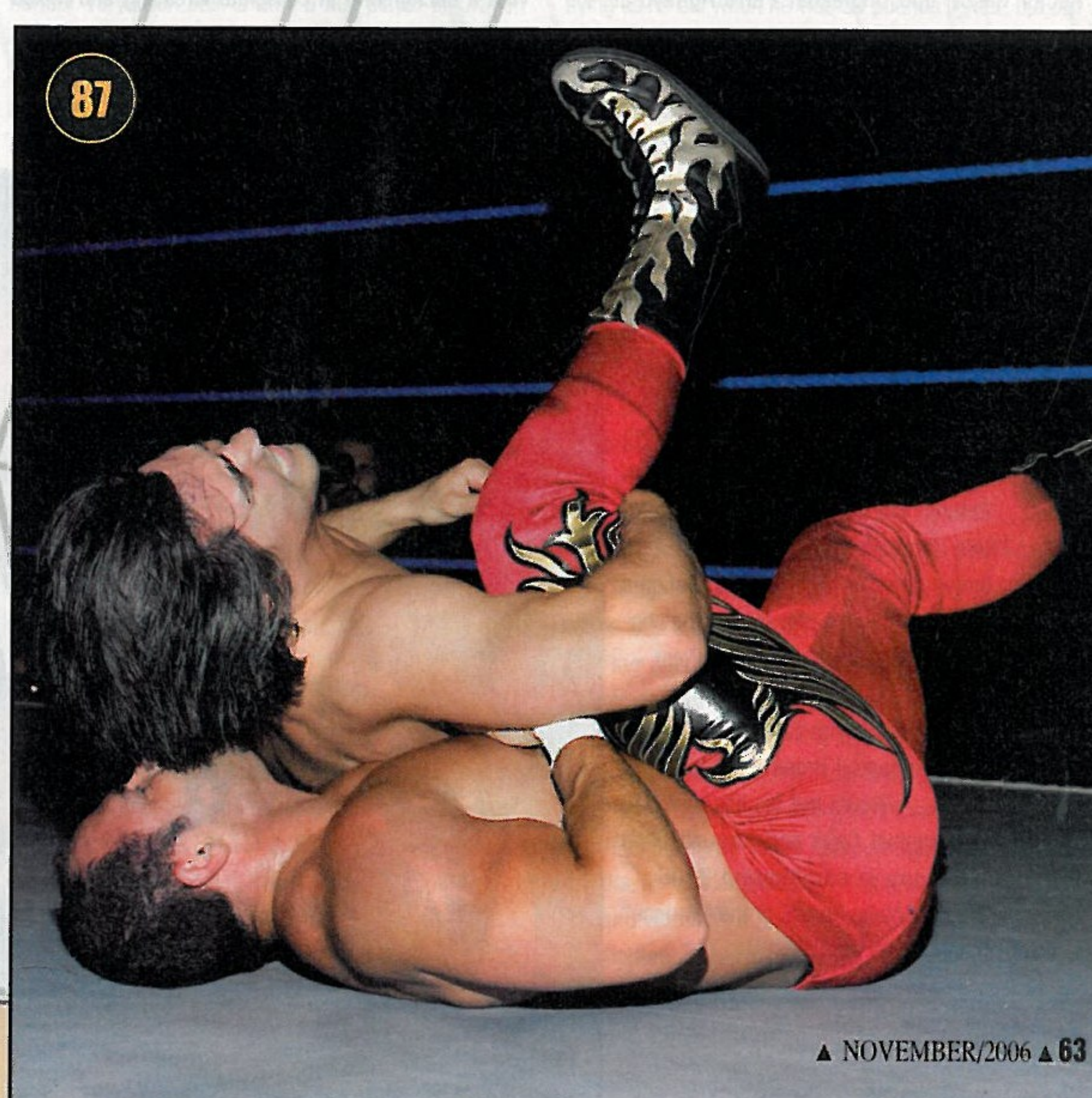
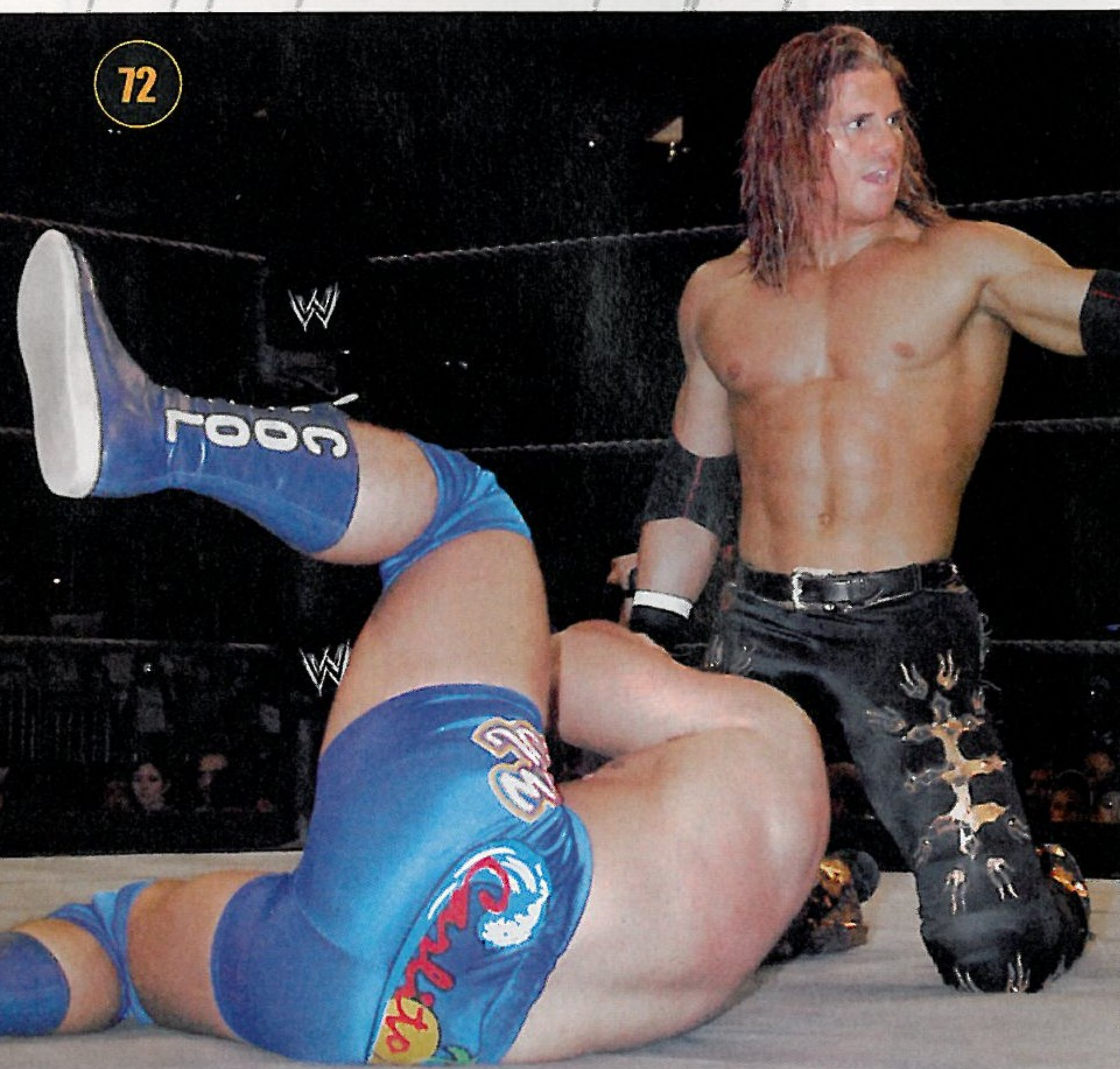
**87 PAUL LONDON** (5'10", 205, 6, 36) High-flying WWE sensation is on the roster of the Smackdown brand ... Forms a regular tag team with Brian Kendrick, sometimes called The Hooligans ... They captured the Smackdown World tag titles over M-N-M at Judgment Day ... Retained their titles over the Mexicools and The Pitbulls ... Made a name for himself in Ring of Honor before getting picked up by WWE ... Known for his wild "Drop Sault," a combination dropkick and moonsault press that he executes with terrific elevation and precision ... Repertoire included a breathtaking shooting star press as well as a 450 splash.

**88 MITSU HARU MISAWA** (6'1", 238, 26, 42) NOAH founder is one of the all-time great heavyweights of the sport ... Spent most of the year in tag team matches with Yoshinari Ogawa ... Had a hard-hitting singles match with Takeshi Morishima in the spring that reminded fans of how intense he can be ... Started his career under the guise of Tiger Mask II in All Japan Pro Wrestling before beefing up and join-

ing the heavyweights ... Still dons his familiar green and white tights ... Recently toured Europe for the very first time, but has yet to appear in the United States ... Feared for his trademark elbow strike ... Inventor of the "Emerald Erosion" and the neck-crushing "Tiger Driver '91."

**89 HALLOWEEN** (5'8", 209, 16, NL) Tijuana favorite is a longtime *rudo* ... Suffered a severe neck injury in a hair match with Universo 2000 in December of 2005 ... Regular partner of Damian 666, they are collectively known as Mexico's Most Wanted in some territories ... Currently feuding with Los Guerreros del Atlantida ... Both are part of Perro Aguayo's CMLL stable called Los Perros del Mal ... Lost his jack-o-lantern mask years ago, but paints his face to look just like it ... Often brings foreign objects, like a chair or kendo stick, to the ring ... "La Calabaza" is his signature move.

**90 MATT HARDY** (6'1", 213, 12, NL) Smackdown brand superstar left WWE for a stint, but is now back in the limelight ... Much-publicized feud with Edge over ex-girlfriend Lita made Hardy a sympathetic figure in wrestling ... Racked up wins over Smackdown mid-carders like Nunzio, Simon Dean, Chuck Palumbo, and former partner Animal throughout the year ... Popularity has diminished some since his 1990s run with brother and former tag team partner Jeff Hardy ... "Twist Of Fate" finishing move is an "Ace Crusher" variation.





**91 AKIRA TAUE** (6'5", 272, 18, 184) Former All Japan Triple Crown champion is now a star with Mitsuharu Misawa's NOAH promotion ... Challenged Kenta Kobashi for the Global Honored Crown last year, and gave his best showing in some time, despite losing the bout ... Has lost a lot of his speed and agility over the years ... In-ring pace is methodical, to say the least ... Best known for his days tagging up with Toshiaki Kawada for AJPW ... Still wears his familiar red trunks and boots ... Master of the nodowa otoshi, a low elevation, two-handed chokeslam that he can execute from anywhere, even from the apron to the floor.

**92 SABU** (6', 214, 21, NL) Returned to the national spotlight with WWE's new version of ECW ... Has made short work of the competition thus far, running roughshod over men like Roadkill and Justin Credible ... Failed to capture the heavyweight title from champ Rey Mysterio Jr. when they clashed at One Night Stand II ... Became a cult favorite over a decade ago for his reckless matches and penchant for putting opponents through tables ... Signature move is an "Arabian Facebuster," a flying legdrop in which he slides a chair under his legs and then crashes down on an opponent's face.

**93 DAMIAN 666** (5'9", 218, 21, NL) Part of the Los Perros del Mal stable in Mexico along with regular partner Halloween and the likes of Mr. Aguila, Hector Garza, and ringleader Perro Aguayo Jr. ... Typically in the main events of Arena Mexico cards, where the Perros are tremendously popular ... Full-time with CMLL these days, he hasn't appeared with AAA in years ... Feuding with Ultimo Guerrero, Atlantis, and Tarzan Boy ... He and Halloween, as Mexico's Most Wanted, were part of Rey Mysterio Sr.'s La Familia de Tijuana stable in the Baja California section of Mexico ... His matches usually end with a low blow, and a quick rollup.

**94 MONTY BROWN** (6'2", 275, 3, 28) Explosive TNA wrestler is nicknamed "The Alpha Male" ... Entered the battle for the NWA World title at TNA's Unbreakable in September ... At Genesis, Brown defeated Jeff Hardy to become the number-one contender, only to lose the contendership to Christian Cage at Turning Point ... Realigned with Jeff Jarrett in December ... Jarrett's Army feuded with Sting's faction ... Sting and Cage defeated Brown and Jarrett at Final Resolution ... Brown lost his title match at Destination X against Cage and was sidelined with a knee injury in early spring 2006 ... Utilizes either his "Alpha Bomb" or the "Pounce" to finish off opponents.

**95 ULTIMO DRAGON** (5'8", 186, 19, NL) Leader of the Mexico-based Toryumon promotion, and the now-defunct Dragon Door group ... Regularly competes as a *tecnico* for CMLL in Mexico City, sometimes teaming with his student Hajime Ohara ... Has faced the likes of Kenzo Suzuki, Johnny Stamboli, and Chuck Palumbo in Mexico this year ... Former IWGP junior heavyweight, WCW cruiserweight, and J-Crown champion ... Helped popularize lucha libre in Japan when he competed under his given name, Yoshihiro Asai ... Often finishes with the "Asai DDT," a free-standing shiranui.

**96 MAXIMO** (5'7", 176, 6, NL) Charismatic CMLL *tecnico* has a huge following all over Mexico ... Holds the CMLL trios championship with El Sagrado and Texano Jr. ... After winning the hair of Cesar Dantes back in December, he went on to win the hair of Loco Max in June 2006 ... Partnered with Negro Casas for the annual Gran Alternativa tournament ... Son of Brazo de Plata, and brother of Kronos ... Likes the flying hip attack, and can execute it from any angle ... Fellow CMLL *tecnico*, La Mascara, is his cousin ... Known for his flying seat, or la silla ... Pet move is the German suplex.

**97 TAKASHI SUGIURA** (5'10", 198, 9, NL) NOAH star ended KENTA's long run as GHC junior heavyweight champion and made his own name in the process ... Former GHC junior tag team champion with Yoshinobu Kanemaru, the duo lost the titles to Ikuto Hidaka and Minoru Fujita back in March ... Sometimes dons the mask of Lion Maru, a '70s Japanese television character ... Has experience fighting in Pancrase with a background in collegiate wrestling and mixed martial arts ... Uses Kurt Angle's "Angle Slam" as a regular part of his repertoire ... Likes to force his opponents to tap out to an anklelock.

**98 UMAGA** (6'5", 348, 7, 150) Recent addition to the Raw roster wrestled previously for WWE as Jamal ... Surprised critics by making short work of Ric Flair upon returning to WWE ... One of his only losses since becoming Umaga was a DQ to Shawn Michaels on an April episode of *Raw* ... Uses his ample posterior to his advantage, particularly for trapping opponents in the turnbuckles ... Explosive offense usually decimates opponents in a matter of minutes ... Managed by Armando Alejandro Estrada ... Puts opponents away with his "Samoan Spike" throat thrust.

**99 ADAM PEARCE** (6'2", 233, 10, 147) Former Midwestern independent has reinvented himself and now plies his trade in Ring of Honor ... A no-nonsense wrestler, he took issue with ROH commissioner Jim Cornette, but still fought for ROH when CZW's top stars began showing up at ROH events ... Was involved in numerous wild brawls during the year, including the six-man main event match on the April ROH show in Philadelphia that saw him lose a copious amount of blood after a brutal chair shot ... Uses a high-impact top-rope splash to chalk up wins.

**100 MASATO TANAKA** (5'11", 213, 13, 239) Double-tough star of Japan's Zero One Max group returned to U.S. competition with a hair-raising match against Mahoney at One Night Stand II ... Leads his stable called The Erotics against Otani's Otani-gun Army ... Debuted with British promotion 1PW back in January, and saw action in Hustle, where he faced Team 3D ... Enjoyed fame with FMW where he was one of the promotion's top stars ... His ECW rivalry with Mike Awesome produced some of the promotion's most physically punishing bouts ... Calls his flipping "Ace Crusher" from the middle turnbuckle the "Diamond Dust."



**101 MATT SYDAL** (5'10", 195, 5, NL) High-flying star of Ring of Honor fame took some time in the summer to tour Japan with Tokyo Magnum's Dragon Gate group ... Won the 2005 Ted Petty Invitational tournament hosted by IWA Mid-South, defeating Kevin Steen in the finals ... Was a member of Generation Next in ROH, causing a bit of dissension when he challenged stablemates Austin Aries and Roderick Strong in tag bouts after forming a tandem with TNA's A.J. Styles ... Also wrestled in Europe this past year, specifically in England, Germany, and Austria ... Performs one of the most graceful moonsaults ever seen.

**102 KIP JAMES** (6'4", 254, 13, 123) This time last year, Kip James was known as "The Outlaw" when he made his debut with TNA ... Was a member of 4Live Kru for less than a month before Konnan turned against Kip and B.G. ... The duo regrouped and became known as The James Gang ... Kip and B.G. entered into a feud with Konnan's Latin American Exchange faction ... Began a feud with Team 3D—another tag team that earned legendary status under a different name ... Defeated Team 3D at TNA's Victory Road in July ... Dropped the "ass" out of "Famouser," his jumping rocker dropper finisher.

**103 TEXANO JR.** (6', 209, 7, NL) Son of the late, great Texano has become a star in his own right, fighting with the *tecnicos* in CMLL ... CMLL trios champion with Maximo and El Sagrado, they had a long rivalry with Dr. X, Sangre Azteca, and Nitro over the belts ... Toured with New Japan in 2005, having won a tournament to represent CMLL overseas ... Briefly used the

name Kempo Kid when we was starting out ... Wears a cowboy hat to the ring, and black, leather chaps ... His wild tope con hilos always makes the weekly highlight reel ... Finisher is a high elevation backbreaker delivered out of the fireman's carry.

**104 GENKI HORIGUCHI** (5'6", 164, 8, NL) Former Toryumon star is now a key player in Dragon Gate ... Trained by Ultimo Dragon and Skyde in Naucalpan, Mexico ... Part of the Do-Fixer stable with Ryo Saito and Dragon Kid ... Made his Ring of Honor debut back in March to great fanfare ... Sometimes sports the word hage (bald) on his ring gear due to his receding hairline ... Has been both a *tecnico* and a *rudo* in the past few years ... Used to come to the ring in a body suit with a boogie board ... Drills opponents with his "Beach Break" piledriver variation.

**105 B.G. JAMES** (6'2", 261, 13, 98) This TNA star's days with 3Live Kru were numbered after vouching for his former New Age Outlaws running mate Kip (formerly Billy Gunn) ... At TNA's Turning Point, Konnan turned against B.G. and Kip, thus ending the faction altogether ... Teamed with Kip as The James Gang ... Feuded with Konnan's LAX faction ... B.G.'s father, "Bullet" Bob Armstrong, joined the gang during their feud with LAX ... Began a feud with the former Dudley brothers ... Defeated Team 3D at Victory Road in July ... Finishes off opponents with a pumphandle slam.

**106 DRAGON KID** (5'6", 165, 8, 228) Ultimo Dragon's namesake left the Toryumon to join Tokyo Magnum's upstart Dragon Gate group last year ... Made his stateside debut with Ring of Honor in March

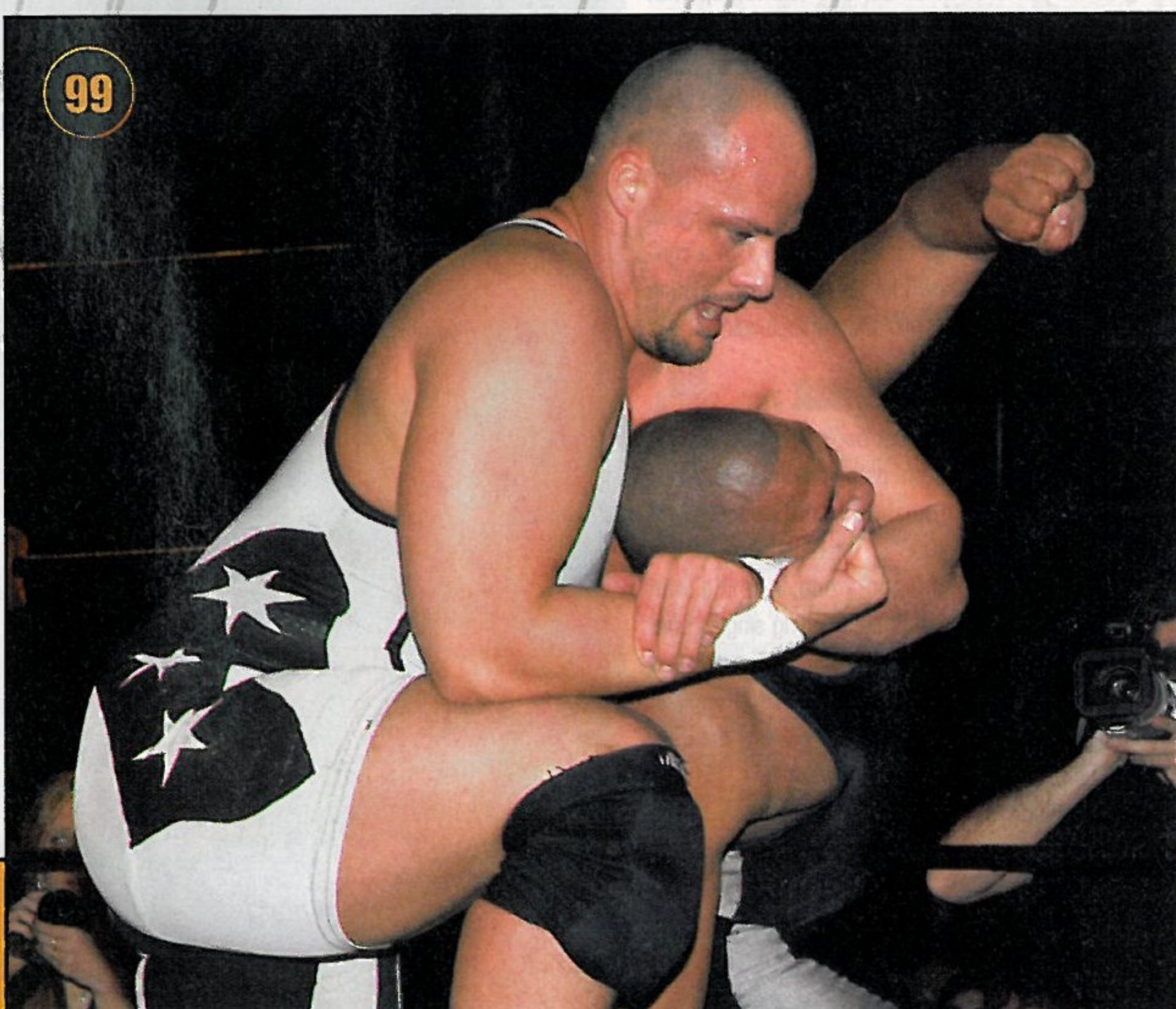
2006 ... Still counted among wrestling's finest high-flyers ... Participated mostly in multiple-man matches over the past year, with a few singles bouts in between ... Famed for two daring variations of the huracanrana, the "Dragon Ray," and his "Dragonrana" ... Likes to make opponents tap out to "El Cristo," a unique head and arm submission hold.

**107 CHRIS SABIN** (5'11", 207, 6, 69) Emerged as one of the top X division competitors in TNA over the last year ... Named captain of Team U.S.A. for the World X Cup tournament ... Enjoyed a very successful run as captain, winning a sudden-death, tiebreaker over Team Canada's Petey Williams to give the U.S. the World X Cup ... Pursued a feud with Kevin Nash, who returned to TNA to demean the X division ... Lost to Nash at Slammiversary ... Began pairing with Jay Lethal in late-summer ... Uses the devastating cradle shock cross-legged "Michinoku Driver" as his pet finisher.

**108 SHINJIRO OTANI** (5'8", 224, 15, 53) President and key player of the new Zero One Max group, which rose from the ashes of Zero One Fighting Athlete after the tragic death of Shinya Hashimoto ... Longtime partner of Masato Tanaka, Otani now leads his Otani-gun stable against Tanaka's Erotics ... Pet submission is his cobra hold ... Also competes for Hustle ... Held the IWGP junior heavyweight title during the days of the eight-title J-Crown ... One of the most well-rounded athletes in Japan ... Doesn't do as much flying as he did when he was 30 pounds lighter, but still has an awesome dragon suplex in his repertoire.

**109 CIBERNETICO** (6'1", 175, 14, NL) One of the most enduring characters in AAA's history, Cibernetico is a longtime *rudo* ... Got into a skirmish with boxer Jorge Kahwagi in May that drew international attention ... The resulting negative publicity led AAA officials to suspend him for six months ... Briefly served as the president of AAA, in the wake of a stipulation match that saw him replace Antonio Pena ... Now leads the stable called La Secta ... Took some time off to heal a torn meniscus in the summer months ... The lariat is a staple of his offensive repertoire.

**110 MINORU TANAKA** (5'8", 201, 8, 219) New Japan Pro Wrestling star won this summer's Best of the Super Juniors tournament, lastly defeating former tag partner Tiger Mask IV ... Has competed in Mexico as well as for TNA in the past year ... Started his career in Big Japan Pro Wrestling roughly around the same time Yoshihiro Tajiri was there ... Former IWGP junior tag champ with ex-partner Koji Kanemoto ... Held the IWGP junior heavyweight title twice as Tanaka, and once as Heat ... Trademark finisher is the "Minoru Special," a northern lights suplex floated into jujigatamae.





**111 FINLAY** (5'10", 230, 28, NL) The European grappler is finally back in action on WWE's Smackdown roster ... Sidelined after a serious injury during his WCW days and served as a backstage agent for WWE ... After feuding with Bobby Lashley, decided to team up with William Regal, and the two are among the top contenders for Smackdown tag team title ... Keeps a leprechaun stashed under the ring in case he needs a little extra help ... Makes use of Mitsuharu Misawa's emerald fusion hold.

**112 YUJI NAGATA** (6'1", 228, 14, 205) New Japan's technical wizard is bouncing back after a few rocky years ... The man fans nicknamed "Mr. IWGP" just a few years ago went from being Japan's "it" guy to career purgatory after being destroyed in mixed martial arts fights ... Formed Team JAPAN to take on the young up-and-comers, and had a string of intense singles matches in the early part of 2006 that started to win back his fan base ... Has a strong amateur wrestling background ... Relies on his repertoire of hard kicks and submission holds ... Loves to force opponents to tap out to his three different "Nagata Lock" submissions.



**113 JACK EVANS** (5'8", 165, 6, 193) A Ring of Honor regular, Evans is perhaps the most unique high flying wrestler this side of Mistico ... Sometimes appears on the West Coast with PWG ... After accumulating a series of big wins in the Dragon Gate promotion, earned a shot at the "Open The Brave Gate" title against champion Masato Yoshino, but came up short ... Now aligns himself with CIMA's Blood Generation, which includes Don Fuji and Matt Sydal ... One of the few men alive capable of the 630 Splash, a crushing senton-like move with a whole lot of flip.

**114 UNIVERSO 2000** (6', 216, 21, NL) The most active of the three Hermanos Dinamitas (Dynamite Brothers) ... Cien Caras and Mascara Ano 2000, his brothers, have entered semi-retirement ... Won the hair of Hector Garza last September, and then repeated the risky feat in December, winning the hair of Halloween at Arena Mexico ... Rose to fame in the 1980s when trios matches became popular in Mexico ... Bloody feud with Perro Aguayo's family spans several years ... Famed for his illegal black hammer piledriver maneuver.

**115 AKEBONO** (6'1", 505, 2, NL) Former sumo star is a mainstay in the Japanese puroresu scene ... Garnered some U.S. fame for his sumo-style bout last year opposite The Big Show at WrestleMania 21 ... Has appeared in All Japan, NOAH, and New Japan in the last 12 months, an unprecedented feat for any wrestler ... Teamed with former sumo Takeshi Rikio in NOAH, their short-lived tandem was a media sensation earlier this year ... Trained with Kaz Hayashi, who helped improve his all-around ring game considerably ... His finisher is named "64," as Akebono was the 64th sumo champion, or yokozuna.

**116 ELIX SKIPPER** (5'10", 228, 6, 61) Skipper was once viewed as one of the top, up-and-coming fan favorites in TNA ... All of that changed when Skipper, feeling unappreciated in TNA, joined up with Simon Diamond's Diamonds In The Rough

faction ... Engaged in an angle with Chicago White Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski that saw the baseball player help defeat Skipper and the DITR in a six-man tag team match at Turning Point in December 2005 ... With David Young, lost to NWA World tag team champions A.J. Styles and Christopher Daniels in July ... Continues to use the "Play Of The Day" as his pet finisher.

**117 YOSHIHIRO TAJIRI** (5'7", 224, 12, 49) Departed from WWE this past year and returned to his native Japan, where he is a hot free agent and top attraction ... Popped up in the offbeat Hustle sports-entertainment group a few times and even ended up facing retired wrestler Nobuhiko Takada once ... Returned to the States for an appearance with ECW at One Night Stand II, teaming with Super Crazy against the FBI ... Started his career in Big Japan Pro Wrestling ... Nicknamed the "Japanese Buzzsaw" ... Inventor of the tarantula submission hold ... Knocks out opponents with a swift kick to the side of the head.

**118 SETH SKYFIRE** (5'10", 195, 6, 174) Enjoyed perhaps the most successful year of any OVW wrestler currently not part of the full-time WWE roster ... Skyfire held the OVW Southern tag team title with Chet the Jet for an impressive four-month span at the end of 2005 and into early-2006 ... Upset Aaron Stevens to win the OVW TV title in March, ending "The Idol's" title reign ... With his second title reign of 2006, gained a credibility that the former professional skateboarder had yet to experience in his young career ... Performs the jumping Enzuigiri (back brain kick) to perfection.

**119 SUPER CRAZY** (5'8", 215, 8, NL) Like all of WWE's luchadores, can be found lighting up the action with the Smackdown brand ... Formed the Mexicools tag team with Psicosis (and previously Juventud Guerrera) ... Crazy and Psicosis are now feuding after failing to capture the Smackdown tag title from Paul London and Brian Kendrick ... Recently teamed with Tajiri to face the FBI at One Night Stand II ... Has competed for AAA, CMLL, and the short-lived Pro Azteca ... Can put opponents away with any number of great moonsault variations.

**120 YOSHINOBU KANEMARU** (5'8", 187, 10, NL) NOAH's junior heavyweight sensation is part of Jun Akiyama's Sternness stable, alongside Jun Izumida and Mokoto Hashi ... Toured Europe for a month this past year to get more international experience ... A former GHC junior tag team champion with Takashi Sugiura, the duo lost the title to Ikuto Hidaka and Minoru Fujita back in March 2006 ... Held the GHC junior heavyweight title on three previous occasions, including last July, when he was defeated by KENTA for the belt ... His revolution buster is a spinning brainbuster.

**121 GEDO** (5'7", 215, 13, 181) The New Japan junior heavyweight has been a star with a diverse number of promotions, including WAR, FMW, and Michinoku Pro ... Fared well in this year's Best of the Super Juniors tournament, but was unable to match his success from last year, when he placed in the finals ... Former IWGP junior tag champion with longtime partner Jado ... Rose to prominence in Team No Respect alongside the late Kodo Fuyuki ... Has a great pinning combination in his barrel roll variation he calls the "Gedo Clutch" ... Loves to use the "Superfly Splash" off the top rope.

**122 D-LO BROWN** (6'3", 281, 12, 143) All Japan Pro Wrestling regular is well-known to American fans ... A consistent player at the top of the mid-card mix, he is just one breakout match away from a Triple Crown title shot ... Part of the RO&D stable that is always at the center of controversy in All Japan ... Former Border City Wrestling heavyweight champion, as well as former Irish whip champion ... Has a top-notch frog splash ... Calls his variation of the "Rydeen Bomb" the "Lo-Down."

**123 WILLIAM REGAL** (5'10", 255, 23, 44) British mat master plies his trade with WWE's Smackdown brand ... Teaming up with former rival Finlay for tag action ... Short-lived tag team with Paul Birchall ended in dissension and a stipulation bout that saw Regal dressed as a wench ... Authored *Walking A Golden Mile* a few years back about his hardships coming up on the British circuit and recovering from drug addiction ... One of the sport's all-time great technicians ... Throws a brutal European uppercut ... His "Regal Stretch" submission hold combines elements of the abdominal stretch and the STF.

**124 LA PARKA** (6', 235, 19, NL) This La Parka isn't the one known to American wrestling fans, but the new one assigned the persona by AAA owner Antonio Pena ... The original still wrestles, but under the name L.A. Park ... Hot feud with Muerte Cibernetica lasted through the spring months, culminating in a mask vs. mask match at TripleMania in June ... Was voted Wrestler of the Year three years running on a television awards program in Mexico ... Holds the Mexican National tag team title with Octagon ... Does as much dancing in the ring as he does wrestling.

**125 TAKA MICHINOKU** (5'7", 172, 15, 159) Founder and top star of the Kaientai Dojo, a persevering Japanese independent school and promotion ... Also a star in All Japan Pro Wrestling ... Feuding with Kaz Hayashi ... The two were partners in the original Kaientai along with Dick Togo, Shoichi Funaki, and Men's Teioh ... Inventor of the often imitated "Michinoku Driver," he coincidentally rose to fame in the rings of Michinoku Pro ... Has experience in Mexico and Puerto Rico ... Finishes off opponents with his crossface submission.

**126 KENNY DOANE** (6'4", 250, 5, 307) Raw brand star of WWE is a protégé of Killer Kowalski, and a product of the OVW developmental camp ... Considered to be the thoroughbred of The Spirit Squad male cheerleader quintet ... Recognized as one-fifth of the Raw World tag team champions ... Former OVW TV champion ... Provides the impact for The Spirit Squad's devastating finishing maneuver that sees the other four members of the group hold a supine opponent down on the mat while Doane delivers a flying legdrop from the top rope.

**127 CHRIS HERO** (6'3", 211, 8, NL) Top *rudo* of CHIKARA has seen his star rise thanks to the red-hot ROH vs. CZW feud, where he's taken center stage ... The current CZW heavyweight champion, he also holds CHIKARA's Campeonatos de Parejas



with partner Claudio Castagnoli ... They form The Kings of Wrestling with Gran Akuma and Icarus ... Won the Tag World Grand Prix 2006 ... Feuded with the likes of Milano Collection A.T., Bryan Danielson, and Mike Quackenbush this year ... Style evinces a heavy British Lancashire influence ... Favorite hold is the cravat ... In-ring gear is adorned with a Superman-like logo ... Claims to hail from Metropolis ... Signature move is the "Hero's Welcome."

**128 VAMPIRO** (6'2", 214, 16, 162) Star of MTV's *Wrestle Society X*, he is also a top draw south of the border for Mexican promotion AAA ... Teams with the *tecnicos* in Mexico, and opposes Cibernetico's faction called La Secta in multiple-man tags ... Sometimes referred to as "Vampiro Canadiense," or "Canadian Vampire" ... Still pops up in Japan and Puerto Rico from time to time ... Seems to have buried his long-standing personal grudge with Konnan ... Known for his precision kicks, especially to break down an opponent's vertical base ... His "Nail In The Coffin" finisher is a "Michinoku Driver."

**129 RAZOR RAMON H.G.** (5'10", 176, 1, NL) This leather-clad oddity of the Hustle promotion is certainly enjoying his 15 minutes of fame in Japan right now ... Commands a huge cult following at the moment and is the subject of magazine articles and talk shows throughout his native country ... Doesn't seem to have any connection to the Razor Ramon character from the WWF in the mid-'90s ... Has wrestled all the Hustle regulars, from actresses to Power Rangers and then some ... Sometimes pins opponents following a flying splash, which is perhaps the least-lewd move in his arsenal.

**130 SHINSUKE NAKAMURA** (6'2", 229, 4, NL) New Japan standout really came into his own in the past year ... Hailed as the new ace of the promotion ... Held the IWGP heavyweight title last year after unseating Hiroyoshi Tenzan ... Team with Hiroshi Tanahashi became a hot commodity last year in Japan, even winning the IWGP tag team title ... Teamed with Brock Lesnar to face Akebono and Riki Choshu back in February ... Great mat wrestler with an array of submission holds at his disposal, his favorite being the "Shining Triangle," which is a step-up triangle choke that makes opponents think he's attempting to deliver the "Shining Wizard."



## 131 GIANT BERNARD (6'6", 353, 8, 175)

New Japan Pro Wrestling heavyweight is known to American fans as Albert and later A-Train during his days with WWE ... Ended up in Asia after his WWE release, wrestling for All Japan Pro Wrestling at first ... Moved to New Japan and supplanted Scott Norton as the promotion's foreign juggernaut ... Won the New Japan Cup in April 2006 and thus qualified for his May title shot at Brock Lesnar ... Was unable to take the title from Lesnar, but is being granted a rematch in the future against new champ Hiroshi Tanahashi ... Incidentally, his "Bernard Driver" is what American fans will remember as the "F-5."

## 132 RON KILLINGS (6'1", 230, 9, 50)

TNA star and two-time former NWA World champion somehow became the middle child in the nasty breakup of 3Live Kru ... Killings chose to venture out on his own in hopes of winning a third NWA World title ... Competed as part of Sting's contingent at TNA's Lockdown in April 2006 ... Earned his way into the "King Of The Mountain" match at Slammiversary by defeating Monty Brown on *Impact* ... By late-summer, he teamed with Sonjay Dutt to feud with former running mate Konnan's Latin American Exchange faction ... His finisher, "The Consequence," is a variation of the muscle buster.

## 133 LA MASCARA (5'9", 187, 6, NL)

The fast-paced *tecnico* earned the respect of fans at Arena Mexico with his hard work and consistency ... Won the spring Cibernético that included only high-flyers, called El Rey del Aire ... Former National welterweight champion ... Won the hair of Mosco de la Merced in August 2005 ... Made his Toryumon singles debut

this year opposite Hajime Ohara, another promising youngster ... The fourth luchador to call himself La Mascara, meaning "The Mask" ... Cousin of fellow CMLL *tecnico* Maximo ... Famed for his quick application of "La Campana," also known as the pendulum submission hold.

## 134 NICKY NEMETH (6', 210, 2, 500)

With a promising WWE singles career ahead of him, Nemeth took a shocking detour in the beginning of 2006, becoming a full-fledged member of the Raw World tag team champions, the hated, male-cheerleader contingent, The Spirit Squad ... Spent years in OVW learning his craft ... The former amateur wrestler is widely considered to be the second most-promising member of the Squad behind former foe Kenny Doane ... Was the un-official "Mr. Irrelevant"—a dubious nickname given to the final player drafted in professional sports—as he was the 500th wrestler in last year's rankings ... Relies on a modified "Stone-Cold Stunner" or "RKO" as his pet finisher.

## 135 CHET THE JET (6'1", 232, 6, 269)

The former Chet Jablonski hasn't had the strongest of years in OVW ... Held the OVW Southern tag team championship with Seth Skyfire for four months at the end of 2005 and into 2006 ... Began exhibiting odd behavior, following many of his peers and the occasional WWE star around as if he was an obsessed fan ... Gained wins over OVW talent like Jack Bull, Mike Mizanin, and Deuce Shade in the spring ... Competed for the OVW heavyweight title on two occasions but was unable to gain the victory over then-champion Brent Albright ... Continues to use his devastating "Hit The Showers" finishing maneuver to end matches.

## 136 CHASE STEVENS (6', 220, 4, 90)

TNA's Stevens and his partner Andy Douglas' impressive and

improbable run as NWA World tag team champions ended in October 2005 at the hands of America's Most Wanted, Jeff Jarrett, and Gail Kim ... From that point on, The Naturals struggled to regain their championship form ... Severely injured his back in late-2005, yet missed less than a month before returning to action ... Shane Douglas took the duo under his wing in an effort to toughen them up in late-summer ... Their "Natural Disaster" finisher, performed with Andy Douglas, is extremely effective.

## 137 ORIENTAL (5'9", 202, 14, 142)

Longtime *tecnico* with AAA is one of the famous wrestling Morenos ... This luchador is Mexican, in spite of his name, but has experience in Asia with groups like Pro Wrestling NOAH and Osaka Pro ... Toured with NOAH in the spring of 2006, winning tag matches with El Angel, but losing a singles to Kishin Kawabata ... Mentor to the new high-flying AAA stable Air Force ... A master of the flying headscissors, he can execute the move from all sorts of odd angles in and out of the ring ... Former UWA welterweight champion ... Likes to use the "Tiger Suplex."

## 138 CHARLIE HAAS (6'2", 265, 10, 68)

WWE star recently returned to the Raw brand after spending some time on the independents ... Oklahoma-native competed in the 2006 ECWA Super 8 going all the way to the finals before losing to Davey Richards of ROH ... Feuded with Viscera over the affections of announcer Lillian Garcia, both were dejected to learn she just wanted to be friends ... Since then, Haas and Viscera have become a tag team ... Three-time former WWE tag team champion, appeared internationally with 1PW in the U.K. and New Japan Pro Wrestling ... Calls his finisher the "Haas Of Pain."

## 139 JUVENTUD GUERRERA (5'5", 165, 14, 126)

High-flying luchador is well-known to American fans due to his stints in WWE, WCW, and ECW ... Star of the Mexicools in WWE alongside Super Crazy and Psicosis, he was released and headed back to his native Mexico ... Leader of the Mexican Power stable that includes Crazy Boy and the AAA version of Psicosis ... Feuding with Shocker's Los Guapos VIP group ... Son of legendary luchador Fuerza Guerrera ... Likes to finish opponents with his "Juvi Driver" or the 450 splash.

## 140 MIKE KNOX (6'6", 260, 8, NL)

Former Deep South Wrestling star recently got the call up to the big leagues and was assigned to WWE's re-launched ECW brand ... The boyfriend of resident exhibitionist Kelly Kelly, Knox's primary role with ECW has been stopping her risqué performances at the most inopportune times ... Broke into wrestling in the Southwest independents ... Partnered with Derek Nekirk to form Team Elite ... Lost in the finals of the first ever DSW heavyweight title tournament ... When not censoring his girlfriend, Knox uses a reverse fishermanbuster to put opponents away.

## 141 MIKEY MONDO (5'7", 229, 4, 222)

Mikey of The Spirit Squad can be found on the WWE's Raw roster ... Along with Kenny Doane, defeated The Big Show and Kane one night after WrestleMania 22 to win the Raw World tag team titles ... Plagued Shawn Michaels and Triple-H, serving as a flunky to the McMahons through summer 2006 ... Came up through the developmental system in OVW, where he was part of Kenny Bolin's stable, Bolin Services ... Known for his boisterous, almost borderline obnoxious behavior and outdated dance moves ... Likes to come soaring into the ring with a bulldog, via an assist from The Spirit Squad's strategically placed mini-trampoline line at ringside.

## 142 SENSHI (5'8", 170, 8, 173)

Freelance junior heavyweight left his gig in NOAH for full-time employment with TNA and captured the X division title in June ... Defeated Christopher Daniels at Lockdown ... Continued his winning streak by beating Jay Lethal and Alex Shelley ... Changed name from Low-Ki for trademark purposes ... His intensity, both in and out of the ring, is hard to match ... Known for his ferocious kicks ... Inventor of the "Ki Krusher," a fishermanbuster converted into a "Michinoku Driver" in midair.

## 143 ANDY DOUGLAS (6'1", 220, 4, 96)

Former NWA World tag team champion with partner Chase Stevens, this TNA star had a turbulent year ... Improbable championship run ended in October 2005 at the hands of America's Most Wanted, Jeff Jarrett, and Gail Kim ... From that point on, The Naturals struggled to regain their championship form ... Douglas was injured by TNA newcomer Scott Steiner in April 2006 during one of Steiner's trademark tirades ... Shane Douglas took the duo under his wing in an effort to toughen them up in late-summer ... Their "Natural Disaster" finisher is one of the most devastating in all of tag team wrestling.

## 144 THE GREAT KHALI (7'3", 408, 6, NL)

Smackdown's newest giant was once known as Giant Singh ... Had a small role in the remake of The Longest Yard that starred Adam Sandler ... Signed a developmental deal with the WWE in January 2006 and was assigned to the Deep South Wrestling developmental circuit ... In April, was called up to the main roster and sent to Smackdown ... Almost immediately began feuding with the brand's other giant, The Undertaker ... Took some non-title wins over Rey Mysterio Jr. in early-summer 2006.

## 145 DAVEY RICHARDS (5'8", 202, 3, NL)

Breakout star of Southern California's PWG promotion had a banner year, beating Charlie Haas to capture the 10th annual Super 8 tournament, making his Ring of Honor debut, and being scouted by WWE ... Trained by Tony Kozina and Super Dragon ... Made his first tour of Europe in February ... Won last year's Best of the West tournament ... Has feuded with the likes of Puma, Scott Lost, and T.J. Wilson ... Competes all over the U.S. ... Held the PWG tag team title with Super Dragon until May, when they were defeated by Lost and Chris Bosh ... Puts his opponents away with a gorgeous shooting star press.

## 146 KOJI KANEMOTO (5'10", 205, 16, 131)

The New Japan's IWGP junior heavyweight champion captured the title for the fifth time in May 2006, beating Tiger Mask IV ... Toyed with the idea of going freelance in January, then re-signed with New Japan ... Has turned in consistent performances at the annual Best of the Super Juniors over the last nine years ... Likes to use flying moves like the moonsault press and the twisting senton from the middle rope ... Has a great "Falcon Arrow."

## 147 JOHNNY JETER (6', 218, 4, 97)

Known simply as Johnny when he appears with WWE's Raw World tag team champions as part of the male cheer-

leading quintet known as The Spirit Squad ... He and his partners are products of the WWE's developmental camp in Ohio Valley ... Turned against his Thrillseekers partner Matt Cappotelli immediately following his OVW title victory against Brent Albright in August 2005 ... Lost the OVW title to Cappotelli in November 2005 in a two-out-of-three falls match ... Started on WWE's *Raw* program back in January ... Has a wild spin kick that's been dubbed the "Johnny Go Round."

## 148 BRIAN KENDRICK (5'8", 184, 7, 81)

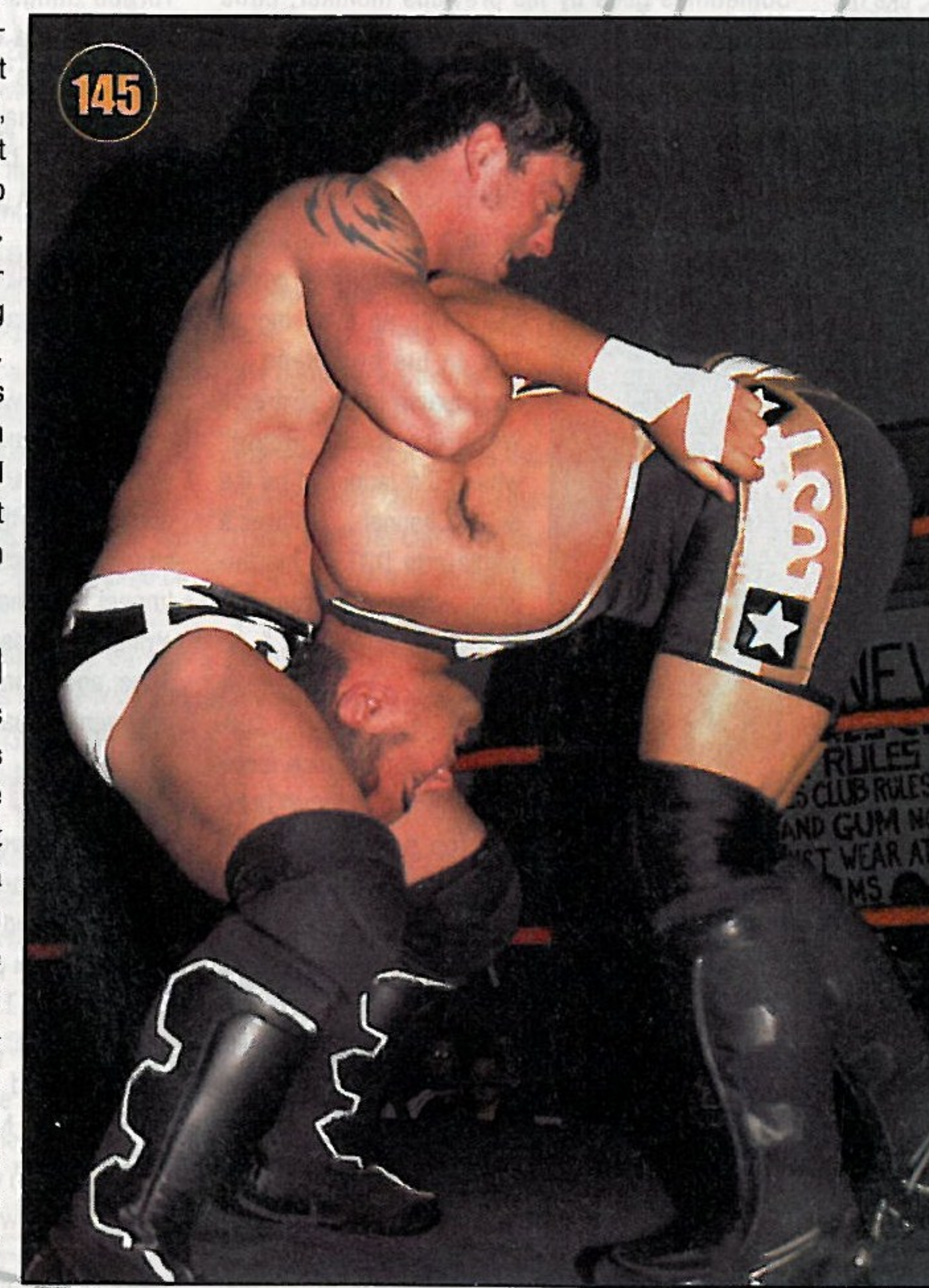
Smackdown star was re-hired by the WWE this past year and has found success teaming together with Paul London ... Together they won the Smackdown World tag titles from M-N-M at Judgment Day ... Successfully defended against The Mexicools and The Pitbulls ... Held the FIP tag titles in September 2005 with Sal Rinauro until being unseated by The Heartbreak Express ... Trained by Shawn Michaels and earned a measure of fame for his work in the early days of the Ring of Honor promotion ... Known for years as Spanky, and in Japan as Leonardo Spanky ... His finishing move, the "Sliced Bread #2," is a shiranui.

## 149 SANGRE AZTECA (5'7", 178, 10, NL)

Aggressive *rudo* has been a mainstay with CMLL for years ... His name means "Aztec Blood" ... Toured Japan in April and May 2006, participating in the annual Best of the Super Juniors tournament ... Has a precision dropkick that he executes with great force ... Part of a stable with the likes of Nitro, Dr. X, and Hooligan that is sometimes referred to as La Pandilla Guerrera ... Former National trios champion ... Favorite move is the muscle buster, he sometimes drops to his knees to make the move more painful.

## 150 THE SANDMAN (6'3", 235, 17, NL)

ECW icon is back where he belongs ... Famed for his long ring entrance that usually features him smoking cigarettes and chugging beer ... Since the ECW re-launch, he's made quick work of Justin Credible on a half-dozen occasions, and destroys odd characters like the Zombie and Macho Libre in seconds with his Singapore cane ... Participated in some brutal ladder matches over the years that must have shaved some time off his career ... Finishes off his foes with a side Russian legsweep utilizing the Singapore cane; the move has been dubbed the "White Russian" legsweep.



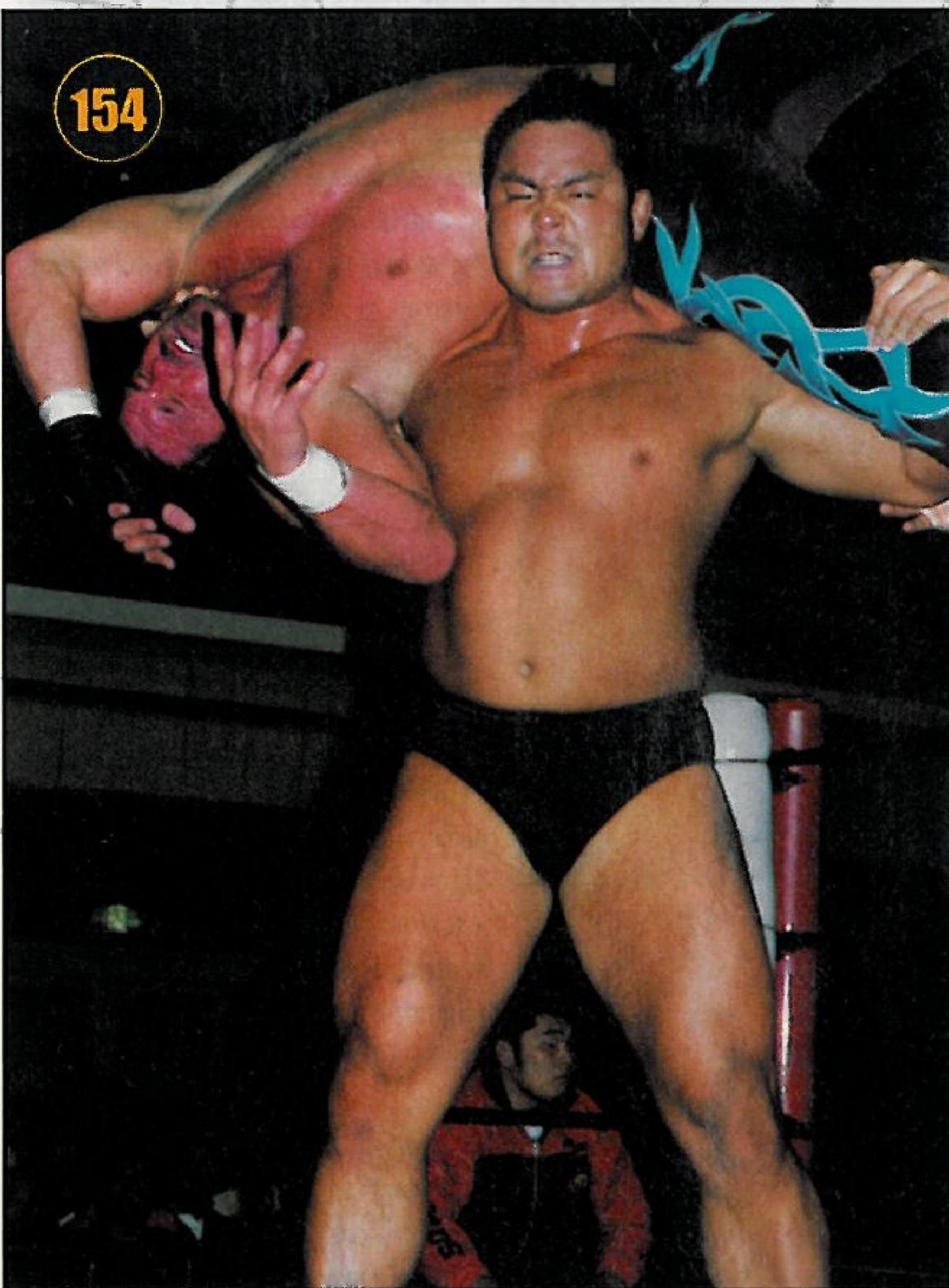


## 151 SCOTT STEINER (6'1", 276, 20, NL)

Enjoying something of a career renaissance since joining TNA in March 2006 ... Wrestling sporadically on the independent circuit, Steiner was brought in as Jeff Jarrett's secret weapon to stave off an attack from Steve Borden (Sting) at TNA's Destination X ... Since that time, Steiner has been the muscle of Jeff Jarrett's Army ... Called out TNA's biggest home-grown star, Samoa Joe, resulting in a nasty feud ... Both men were involved in a four-way match to determine the number-one contender to the NWA World title ... He and brother Rick have held the WWF and WCW tag team titles in the past ... His "Steiner Recliner" is a modified camel clutch.

## 152 ZORRO (5'9", 200, 13, NL) Masked tecnico

of AAA is a decided favorite of the ladies ... Long-reigning Mexican National heavyweight champion, but rarely defends the title ... Recently had a violent cage match with Charly Manson ... Has been acting as if he's been brainwashed since early-2006, following Cibernetico's orders ... Appeared on the WWE's SuperAstros program years ago ... Often teams up with Vampiro, Intocable, or other top *tecnicos* of AAA ... Typically garbed in all black, like his swashbuckling namesake, but favors a Singapore cane over a sword ... Has a precision superkick.



## 153 GREGORY HELMS (6'1", 210, 15, 75)

WWE Smackdown wrestler has dropped his super-heroic "Hurricane" persona ... Had a successful run as cruiserweight champion since leaving the Raw brand ... Captured the title at the Royal Rumble in January ... Suffered a dislocated septum in March, following a string of title defenses against the likes of Super Crazy, Nunzio, and Scotty 2 Hotty ... Turned against partner Rosey in October 2005 by abandoning his partner during a tag team battle royal ... Currently uses the "Shining Enzuigiri"—a running kick to a kneeling opponent—that announcers have mislabeled the "Shining Wizard" for years.

## 154 MANABU NAKANISHI (6'1", 266, 11, 234)

New Japan Pro Wrestling's powerful heavyweight star infused some life into his dormant career by ascending through the ranks to become a top contender to Brock Lesnar's IWGP title ... Now reigns as NWA Intercontinental tag champ with Takao Omori; they beat Ryouji Sai and Kohei Sato ... Trained briefly under Karl Gotch in Florida ... Finding consistent singles success in New Japan ... WCW fans may remember his brief stint as Kurasawa, when he broke Road Warrior Hawk's arm.

## 155 NUNZIO (5'9", 209, 15, 128)

ECW veteran jumped ship from the WWE's Smackdown brand ... Sometimes goes by his previous moniker, Little Guido ... Held the WWE cruiserweight title twice in the past calendar year, defeating Paul London (August 2005) and Juventud Guerrera (November 2005) ... His second title reign came during a rare WWE tour of Italy, which made him an even bigger star in his homeland ... Participated in an "Extreme Weapons Battle Royal" when ECW launched on the Sci-Fi Channel ... Utilizes a single-arm DDT as his finisher, which is appropriately dubbed "Arrivederci."

## 156 FELINO (5'7", 190, 24, 220)

Super-quick *tecnico* is the son of Pepe Casas and the brother of Negro Casas and Heavy Metal ... Came out on the winning end of lots of trios matches at Arena Mexico in the early part of 2006, teaming with his two brothers ... Recently won a 10-man Cibernetico, last defeating Mephisto ... Cat-like reflexes help him both on the mat and in the air ... Also

wrestles frequently for the Naucalpan-based IWRG group ... His signature bodysuit is complete with tiger stripes and fur, making him easy to identify ... Favorite move is a seated power bomb from the turnbuckles.

## 157 DR. X (5'8", 193, 10, NL)

The former National welterweight champion is quickly becoming a sensation with CMLL fans, in spite of his *rudo* allegiance ... Former trios champion ... Regularly teams with the likes of Nitro, Sangre Azteca, and Hooligan against CMLL's *tecnicos* ... Now feuding with Texano Jr., Maximo, and Sagrado ... Originally wrestled as Dr. O'Borman Jr. until legal problems prompted a name change ... Loosely affiliated with Los Guerreros del Atlantida ... Adept at power moves, yet able to fly in and out of the ring ... Submission specialist, his pet move is an upside-down Boston crab with his opponent's hands trapped beneath.

## 158 VISCERA (6'10", 496, 15, 129)

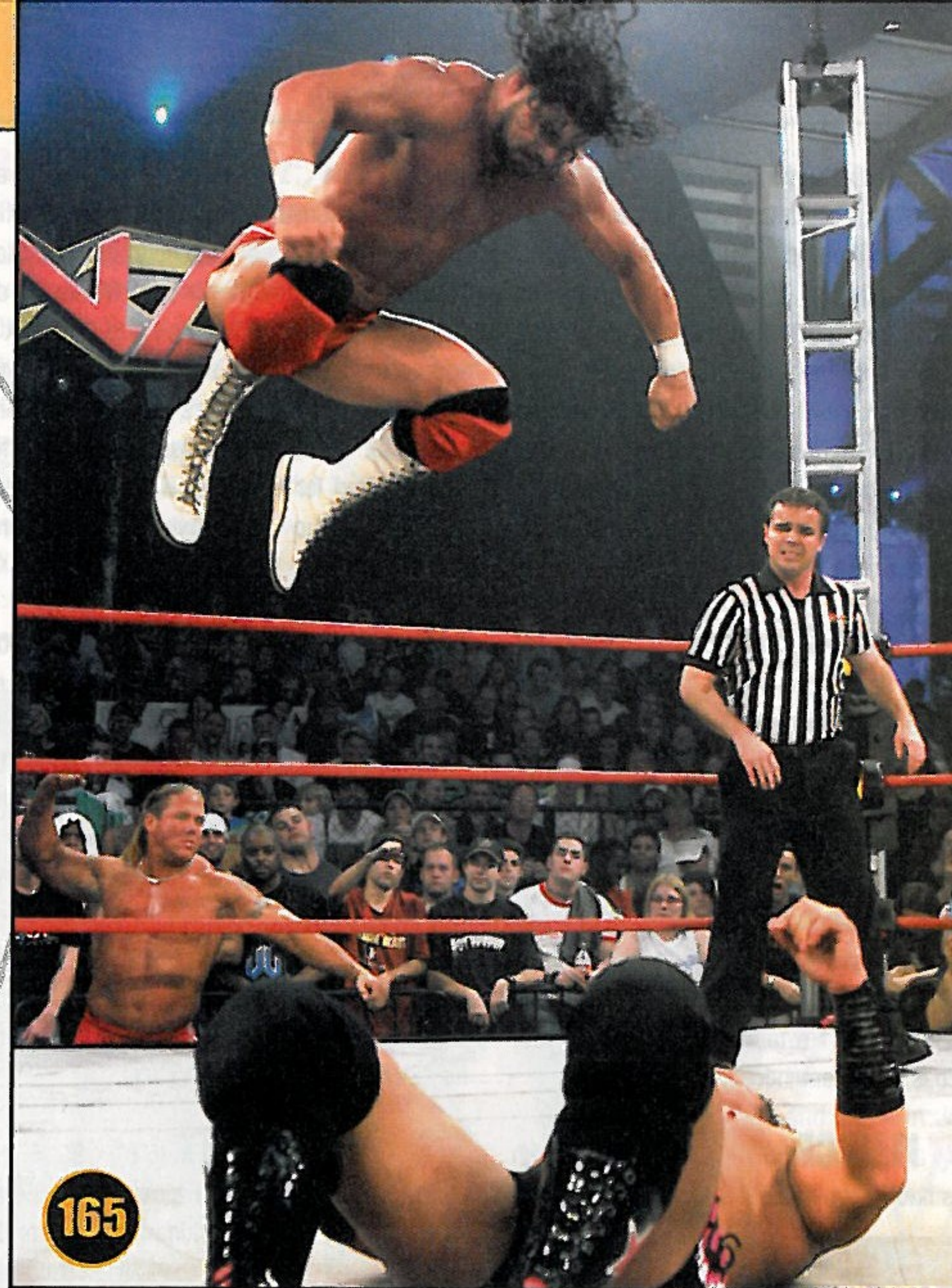
The big man is a big star on WWE's Raw roster ... Had a peculiar relationship with ring announcer Lilian Garcia that drew him into a feud with Charlie Haas ... The boys later reconciled after Garcia rejected both of their advances ... In spite of his size, he didn't last long in this year's Royal Rumble ... Turned things around, and he won a pre-show Battle Royal at WrestleMania 22 ... Simply referred to as "Big Vis" ... Sometimes teams up with Val Venis; they had a shot at the tag titles back in February that didn't pan out ... Alternately finishes his foes with a giant splash or a tree slam.

## 159 HOMICIDE (5'10", 220, 13, 158)

TNA mid-carder hasn't shown the world what he's capable of just yet ... Cult favorite of the American independents has wrestled overseas, but is most famous for his brutal matches in Ring of Honor ... Joined up with Konnan and his Latin American Exchange faction in TNA in the final weeks of 2005 ... Saw a fair share of tag action this year in ROH ... Held the Full Impact Pro championship for over a year, with a string of defenses in 2005 over Colt Cabana, Austin Aries, and Jimmy Rave ... His finishing move drops opponents square on the base of the neck.

## 160 JADO (5'6", 198, 17, 254)

New Japan junior heavyweight star is the regular partner of Gedo ... Former IWGP junior heavyweight champion ... Enjoyed a brief tour of CMLL and Mexico with Gedo this past year ... Challenging El Samurai and Ryusuke Taguchi for the junior tag belts on a monthly basis ... Throws some vicious knife-edge chops ... Had some excellent tag bouts this year against other New Japan regulars like Tiger Mask IV and Minoru Tanaka ... Formerly a key player in FMW's Team No Respect group under the late Kodo Fuyuki ... Uses a crossface submission to make opponents tap out.



## 161 ELIAH BURKE (6'1", 230, 2, 109)

The former Ohio Valley Wrestling heavyweight champion has struggled by and large since his four-month title run in early-2005 ... Participated in OWW's heavyweight title tournament, losing to Brent Albright back in February ... Won a battle royal to become the number-one contender to the OWW heavyweight title in March, only to lose in the championship match against then-champion Albright ... Still remains a top talent with OWW ... Utilizes a sit-down facebuster known as "The Elijah Experience" as his signature move.

## 162 PSICOSIS (5'10", 198, 15, 144)

One of just a few luchadores wrestling for WWE, he's at home on the Smackdown roster ... Arrived in WWE last June, and had moderate success in tag team action through the remainder of 2005, facing teams like M-N-M and Vito and Nunzio ... He and Super Crazy were known as the Mexicools, until Psicosis turned against Super Crazy during the summer months ... They lost in their bid to take the tag titles from Brian Kendrick and Paul London in June ... Lost in his cruiserweight title shot against Gregory Helms in May ... His flying legdrop from the top rope is a great finisher.

## 163 C.W. ANDERSON (6'1", 237, 11, 149)

Star of the original ECW is now on the roster of WWE's ECW revival ... A throwback to the last generation of wrestling stars, he's as tough as they come ... Prior to the official restart of ECW this year, wrestled with Pro Wrestling World 1, where he teamed and also feuded

with Ricky Landell ... Former PWF T.V. and U.S. champion ... A regular in several Southeastern independents ... Toured Asia with Zero One ... Like the Andersons of old, has a picture perfect spinebuster.

## 164 EUGENE (6', 226, 9, 56)

Raw brand wrestler is a product of WWE's developmental system ... Spent years learning his craft in OWW under the name Nick Dinsmore ... Was suspended back in November 2005, and saw no action until January of this year ... Sometimes teams with Jim Duggan ... His innocent, childlike demeanor makes some opponents think he can't wrestle ... Was actually a title contender for a spell, but he's now an undercard fixture ... Tends to imitate the mannerisms and maneuvers of famous WWE wrestlers ... Among his favorite moves are the "Stone Cold Stunner," the legdrop, and the "People's Elbow."

## 165 BOBBY ROODE (6'0", 230, 8, 55)

Teamed with Petey Williams and Eric Young under the guidance of Scott D'Amore in Team Canada ... Biggest career win came against Rhino at Sacrifice in May 2006 ... He and Young beat The Naturals at Destination X ... Came out on the losing end of a string of matches against Team 3D ... Trained by Val Venis ... Finisher is the "Rude Awakening" neckbreaker.

## 166 MATT STRIKER (5'10", 219, 7, 258)

Recent addition to WWE's Raw brand made national headlines in the last year ... A former New York school

teacher, he spent his days off wrestling all over the U.S. and in Japan for Zero One, and it ended up costing him his day job when it became a scandal ... Lectures fans endlessly, usually as a preamble to getting trounced by another wrestler ... Feuded with Eugene for part of the year ... Found no success teaming with Rob Conway in the summer months ... Uses a guillotine "Ace Crusher" swung into a backbreaker to put his opponents away.

## 167 AARON STEVENS (6'4", 237, 8, 120)

Was sent to Ohio Valley Wrestling to hone his craft ... Adopted the nickname "Idol" and began appearing at matches with valets Shelley Martinez and Beth Phoenix ... Won the OVV TV title in January 2006 competing as part of a three-way match with Brent Albright and C.M. Punk ... Lost the TV title to Seth Skyfire in March when "Pirate" Paul Birchall interfered ... Uses a unique neckbreaker slam he calls "The Idolizer" to finish off his opponents.

## 168 ROBBIE McALLISTER (6', 240, 6, NL)

Recently debuted with WWE's Raw brand ... Trained by Waldo Von Erich ... Relies almost entirely on raw power rather than technical prowess ... Teamed with Rory McAllister as The Highlanders ... They were a dominant force on the Canadian independent scene for several years before signing a WWE developmental contract in June 2005 ... Debuted in Ohio Valley Wrestling as a kinder, gentler team, like an updated version of The Bushwhackers ... Tandem finisher is the "ScotDrop."

## 169 KONNAN (5'10", 260, 18, 106)

"K-Dogg" went from being the un-official leader of one of the most popular factions in TNA to barely wrestling for the better portion of 2006 ... Began a feud with The James Gang and Bob Armstrong ... Led a group of young Latino wrestlers known as the Latin American Exchange (LAX) ... Lost an arm-wrestling contest to the 66-year-old Armstrong at Lockdown in April ... LAX went on strike to protest TNA's treatment of minorities ... Forced back to work by Jim Cornette ... When competing, Konnan still utilizes the "Tequila Sunrise" cycling crab variation as his finisher.

## 170 JAY LETHAL (5'9", 192, 4, 218)

Departed Ring of Honor for full-time employment with TNA ... Cut his teeth in the New Jersey independents before getting his first break ... Was beaten by Samoa Joe and Jimmy Yang in the early months of 2006, signaling his farewell to ROH ... Won a four-way dance at Against All Odds in February 2006, outlasting Alex Shelley, Matt Bentley, and Petey Williams, but lost his singles bout against Shelley a month later ... Appeared in the sixth annual Best of the Best tournament, but was ousted in the opening round by Roderick Strong ... Calls his *Matrix*-inspired kick the "Jaytrix."



**171 JUSTIN CREDIBLE** (6', 227, 14, NL) Has had a tough time with the likes of Sabu and The Sandman since the ECW re-launch ... Popped up in TNA, losing to Raven in November 2005 at Genesis ... Has wrestled all over the world, from the U.K. to Japan ... Trained in the Hart family Dungeon in Calgary ... Also wrestled as P.J. Walker, Aldo Montoya, and P.J. Polaco over the years ... Held the ECW title for six months in 2000 before being upended by Jerry Lynn ... His tombstone finisher is typically called "That's Incredible!"

**172 ERIC YOUNG** (6', 218, 6, 60) The energetic and sometimes paranoid TNA star teamed with Petey Williams and Bobby Roode under the guidance of Scott D'Amore until Team Canada was disbanded ... Nick-name is "Showtime" ... With Team Canada, lost a trios match to Team 3D at Against All Odds ... Turned things around at Destination X, defeating The Naturals ... Fared well in the X Cup Gauntlet match at Sacrifice ... Calls his finishing move the "Showstopper."

**173 NITRO** (5'8", 185, 9, NL) CMLL *rudo* is known for his powerful overhand chops ... Often teams with Dr. X, Hooligan, and Sangre Azteca; their stable is sometimes referred to as La Pandilla Guerrera ... Feuding with Texano Jr., Maximo, and Sagrado over the CMLL trios title ... Apart from his CMLL commitments, regularly appears on independent cards in Pachuca and Veracruz ... Once wrestled as El Filoso, but changed his name years ago ... Likes to finish off opponents with the "Gori Especial."

**174 MIKE MIZANIN** (6'1", 210, 3, NL) MTV reality star turned professional wrestler, Mizanin currently serves in the role of host for Smackdown brand shows ... "The Miz" was offered a developmental contract and started off in Deep South Wrestling ... Won the Deep South heavyweight title by defeating Mike Knox in a tournament final in December 2005 ... Won the OVW Southern tag team titles with Chris Cage in February 2006 ... Did not compete as part of the Smackdown roster throughout the summer ... Finishes with a swinging reverse DDT called "The Mizard Of Oz."

**175 TOMMY DREAMER** (6'3", 248, 17, NL) The heart and

soul of ECW is right at home with the new WWE version of the ECW brand ... Originally slated to work behind the scenes, Dreamer is in the ring as an active wrestler once again ... With his wife Beulah and Terry Funk, lost a bloodbath to Mick Foley, Edge, and Lita at the second One Night Stand pay-per-view ... Able to absorb superhuman amounts of punishment ... Now feuding with Test, but hasn't had any success ... Renamed Mitsuharu Misawa's "Emerald Fusion" the "Dreamer Driver" ... Uses the late Louie Spicolli's "Death Valley Driver" to finish his matches.

**176 RORY McALLISTER** (6'2", 230, 6, NL) Native of Oban, Scotland, recently leaped from OVW onto the Raw brand roster of WWE ... The less hirsute member of The Highlanders is also the team's spokesman ... Though WWE fans are seeing a milder version of the team, Rory earned a reputation as a stiff brawler with his clubbing forearm smashes and cross-faces ... Trained under Waldo Von Erich and competed for several years across the Canadian independent circuit ... Takes credit for developing the team's move, the "ScotDrop," a tandem reverse slingshot suplex that has been tremendously effective.

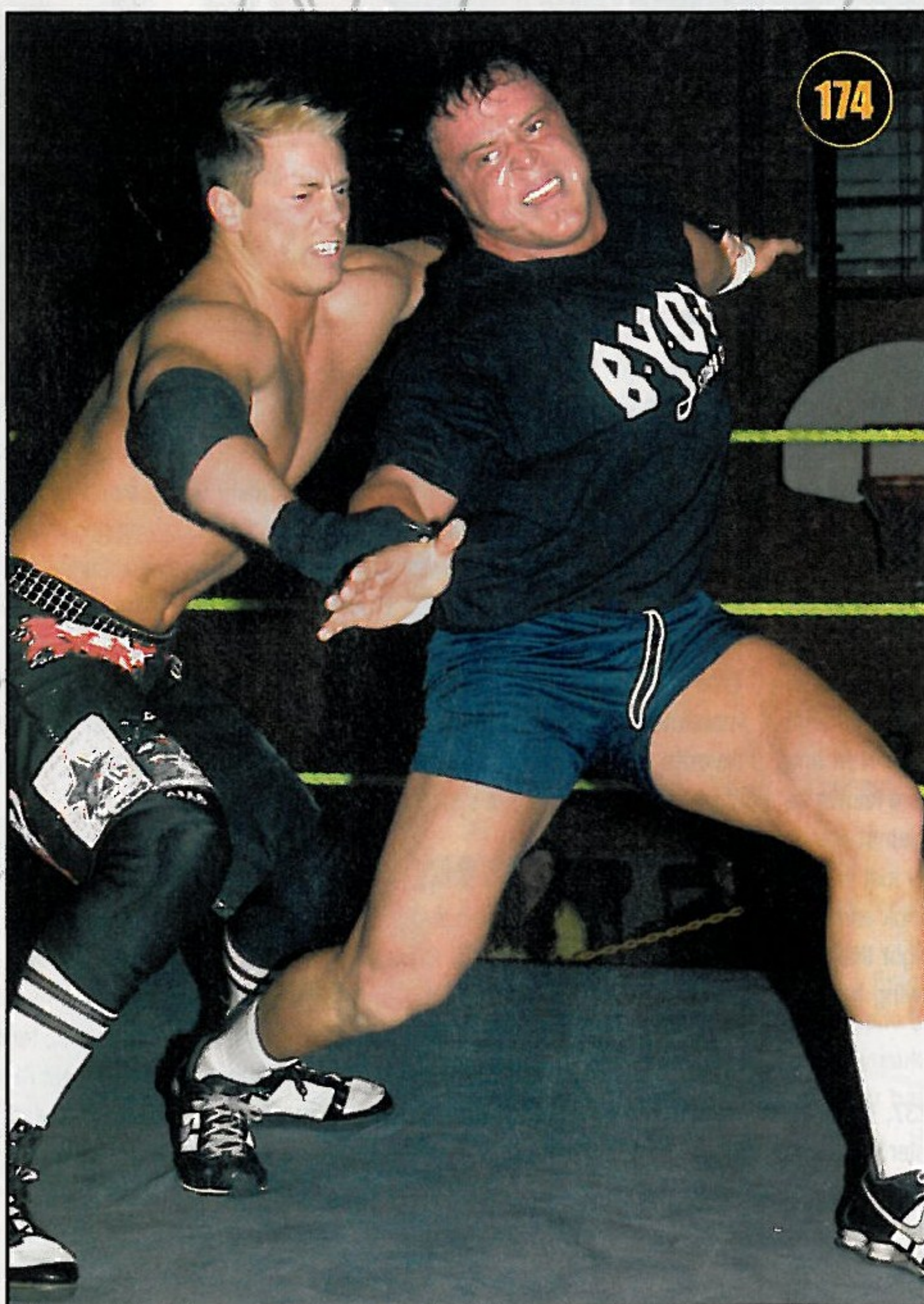
**177 JODY FLEISCH** (6'1", 201, 10, NL) British high-flyer is back after an extended hiatus that lasted

most of 2004 ... Has wrestled all over the world, including continental Europe, Japan with Michinoku Pro, and the United States for Ring of Honor ... Teams with Johnny Storm in 1PW, having defeated The Rottweilers, Austin Aries and Roderick Strong, and a number of other top teams since January ... One of the sport's premiere aerialists, he performs a spaceman shooting star press to the floor effortlessly ... Recruited for the ill-fated Team U.K. by TNA for the World X Cup ... His twisting springboard into a 720 DDT is nearly impossible to imitate.

**178 TONY MAMALUKE** (5'10", 170, 8, NL) Full Blooded Italian resurfaced in ECW recently ... Made an impact at ECW's second One Night Stand in June, teaming with old FBI partner Little Guido to defeat Tajiri and Super Crazy in a hard-fought match ... Spent the earlier part of the year wrestling for ROH, NWA Anarchy, and Full Impact Pro before finding his way back to ECW ... With FBI, he's taken three wins in a row over Roadkill and Danny Doring this summer ... Came up through the Florida independents, and has past experience working for WCW ... Best known for his "Sicilian Stretch" finishing hold.

**179 SONJAY DUTT** (5'8", 185, 5, 121) TNA aerialist made a name for himself over the past few years working for American independents like CZW and in Japan with Zero One MAX ... Represented the USA in the World X Cup at TNA's Sacrifice ... Embroiled in X division encounters all year long with Senshi, Alex Shelley, Jay Lethal, and Petey Williams; he's been testing himself against the finest in TNA ... Trained at Larry Sharpe's Monster Factory ... Career is picking up some solid momentum; he is hot off of an unsuccessful ROH title challenge against Bryan Danielson in July 2005 ... His "Hindu Press" is Haya-busa's old firebird splash.

**180 HEAVY METAL** (5'7", 181, 17, 221) Brother of Negro Casas and Felino ended his decade-long stay with AAA last year and joined his brothers in CMLL ... Often in the main event mix facing Los Perros del Mal or Los Guerreros del Atlantida in trios action ... Rarely wrestles in singles matches ... Son of legendary referee Pepe Casas ... Wears an odd combination of checkered pants and racing goggles to the ring, sometimes even wearing the goggles to wrestle ... Former National welterweight champion and IWRG champion ... Uses the pet hold of his father, "La Casita," better known as "La Magistral."



**181 BLACK TIGER IV** (5'7", 175, 8, NL) New Japan Pro Wrestling star rose to fame in the U.S. and Mexico as Rocky Romero ... Won and lost the IWGP junior heavyweight title from Tiger Mask IV ... Lost in his ROH title shot against Bryan Danielson in December 2005 ... Won the NWA junior heavyweight title in October 2005 ... Frequently appears on cards in the Inoki Dojo base in Los Angeles ... Has disappointing showing at the Best of the Super Juniors tournament ... Represented New Japan in TNA's World X Cup this year, alongside Jushin Liger and Minoru Tanaka ... Was part of the Havana Pitbulls with Ricky Reyes in Mexico and the United States.

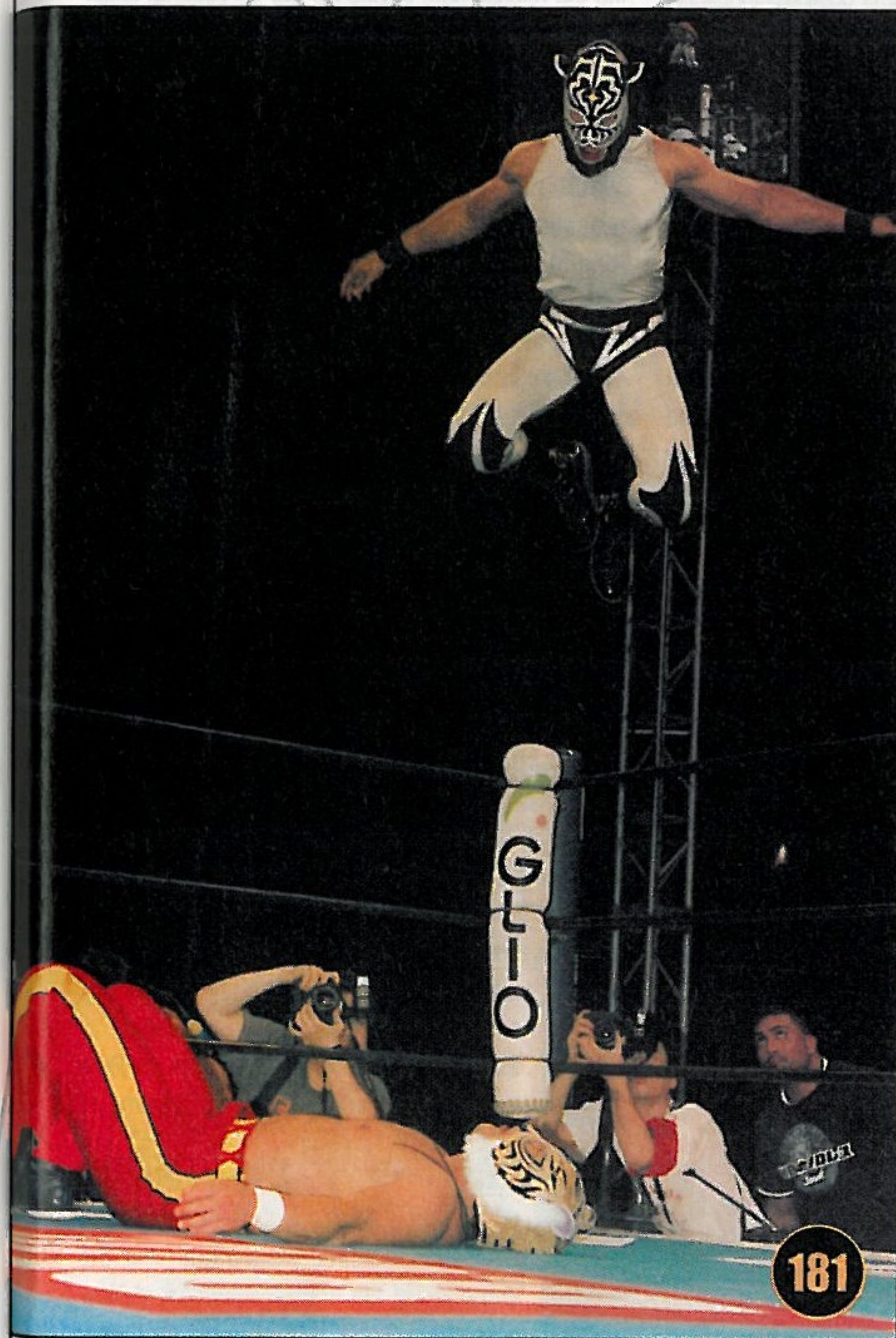
**183 VAL VENIS** (6'2", 250, 11, 135) Veteran of WWE is part of the Raw brand ... Learned lucha libre during his days as Steel in Mexico, but he broke into wrestling up in Canada ... Often referred to simply as the "Big Valbowski" ... Consistent mid-card player ... Sometimes teams with Viscera, of all people ... They chalked up a handful of wins in January and February, leading to a tag team title shot against Big Show and Kane ... Then lost eight weeks of ring time following an April shoulder operation ... Two-time former Intercontinental champion ... Still uses his "Money Shot" flying splash from the corner to finish his matches.

**184 AL SNOW** (6'1", 232, 24, NL) Longtime WWE star spends a lot of his time in the ring and behind the scenes in the OVW developmental camp ... Makes a handful of independent appearances each year as well ... Wrestled for 1PW in the U.K. in October 2005 and again in January and May of this year, often teaming with the Blue Meanie ... Native of Lima, Ohio, is well-regarded as a submission master ... Helped prepare Dan Severn for his fights in UFC ... Gained a measure of recognition years back as the head trainer on the MTV reality series *Tough Enough* ... His "SnowPlow" is basically a "Northern Lights Bomb."

**185 KIKUTARO** (5'9", 217, 12, NL) Comedic star of All Japan Pro Wrestling is best known by his former name Ebessan ... Lost matches to Colt Cabana and Delirious in his May 2006 visit to Ring of Honor ... Had a long feud with Kuishinbo Kamen that endured for virtually his entire stay in Osaka Pro ... Wrestled in CZW's Best of the Best V tournament last year as Ebetaro, then removed his Ebessan mask to the surprise of the crowd ... Teams with the similarly themed Kikujiro in All Japan ... Signature move, "Ebisu Otoshi," starts like a fireman's carry, but ends like a "Michinoku Driver."

**182 ORLANDO JORDAN** (6'4", 250, 6, 86) Former U.S. champion is no longer part of the Smackdown brand ... Was dominated by Chris Benoit in five title matches in late 2005, four of which ended with Orlando tapping out in under a minute ... Attempted to interject himself into Booker T and Chris Benoit's best-of-seven series for the U.S. title to no avail ... Was the first to discover Vito's penchant for cross-dressing ... Jordan was most successful utilizing moves like "The Blackout" (a reverse STO) and the "Orlando Magic" (a swinging neckbreaker).

**186 CHARLY MANSON** (5'9", 180, 16, NL) AAA *rudo* is the brother of Electroshock ... Teamed up with Alan Stone in a bid to take the Mexican National



tag title away from Octagon and the AAA La Parka, but they couldn't get the job done ... Also failed in his effort to take Zorro's Mexican National heavyweight title ... Once took a career-shortening spill off the top of a ladder to the arena floor ... In-ring attire makes him look a lot like American rocker Marilyn Manson ... Longtime *rudo* and member of AAA's Black Family along with Ozz and Cuervo ... Has a gorgeous plancha suicida.

**187 CHAVO GUERRERO JR.** (5'7", 210, 13, 48) Entered semi-retirement as of April, but still appears on at Smackdown house shows ... Was with the Raw brand for most of the year ... Had an easy time on the *Heat* program, dispensing with undercard wrestlers like Snitsky, Tyson Tomko, Rob Conway, and Lance Cade ... Went through an identity crisis last year when he imagined himself to be a middle-class suburbanite named Kerwin White ... Like his uncle Eddie, Chavo likes to use the frog splash.

**188 TAJI IISHIMORI** (5'8", 182, 4, NL) Breakout star of the Toryumon X class went freelance and has wrestled for NOAH, All Japan, and New Japan in the past year ... Challenged KENTA for this GHC junior heavyweight title, but was kayoed by the "Go To Sleep" knee blast ... Gave up his white and gold overalls for more traditional wrestling gear in recent months ... Trained by Skyde at Ultimo Dragon's Mexico-based Toryumon facility ... Executes a number of "619" variations, including a backward version ... His "Superstar Elbow" is a handspring, backward-rotating 450 into an elbowdrop.

**189 MISTERIOSO II** (5'8", 185, 10, NL) Recent arrival in CMLL is a favorite of Arena Mexico fans ... Not the son of Misterioso, rather his top student ... Won this year's Gran Alternativa tag tournament in June with partner Perro Aguayo Jr. ... Lost in the previous two tournaments ... Incredible high-flyer with lightning-like speed ... Natural feud with Volador Jr. is the result of the '80s feud between Misterioso and Volador Sr. ... Famed for his wild suicide dives out of the ring that send him deep into the audience.

**190 KENZO SUZUKI** (6'3", 250, 6, 133) Former WWE tag team champion is now a regular in the strange Hustle sports-entertainment promotion, where he's faced actors and non-wrestlers galore ... Always accompanied to the ring by his wife, Hiroko ... After departing WWE, went to work for CMLL in Mexico and trained at Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon at the close of 2005 to learn Lucha Libre ... The powerful heavyweight sometimes appears a bit clumsy ... Formerly of New Japan Pro Wrestling, he wrestled there briefly before his relocation to the U.S. ... Has a vicious iron claw that he clamps on opponents' foreheads.



**191 TREVOR MURDOCH** (6'4", 240, 9, 145) Raw's redneck is was a star pupil of Harley Race's wrestling academy ... Regular partner of Lance Cade, they are among the top contenders for the tag team titles ... Held one-half of the Raw World tag team championship from September to November 2005 before losing the straps to Big Show and Kane at Taboo Tuesday ... Shortly thereafter, Murdoch and Cade were separated and exiled to *Heat* ... During his brief stint as a singles wrestler, the surprisingly nimble Murdoch finished off opponents with a devastating bulldog from the top rope.

**192 VOLADOR JR.** (5'7", 182, 9, NL) Second-generation star is the son of Volador, who now wrestles as Super Parka ... Literal translation of his name is "flyer" ... Teamed with Dos Caras Jr. for the 2006 Gran Alternativa, but they were ousted in the opening round by Ultimo Guerrero and Nitro ... Had an unsuccessful stint in IWRG in April 2006 and returned to CMLL ... Graceful aerialist is best known for his "Asai Moonsault" ... Finishing move is a dangerous suplex from the top turnbuckle where he holds on to his opponent and backflips into the ring, pulling his opponent with him.

**193 ARES** (6', 235, 8, NL) Cocky European wrestler has had a banner year ... Hails from the United Banks of Switzerland ... Former GSW heavyweight champion and the current heavyweight champion of Germany's wXw and Italy's ICW ... Feuding with the likes of Red Devil, Mike Quackenbush, and Kaiō ... Has wrestled all over Germany, France, Italy, and the United States for CHIKARA and IWA Mid-South ... Forms the trio of Swiss Money Holding with Claudio

Castagnoli and Marc Roudin ... Finishing move is a "Tiger Driver" he calls the "Toblerone Driver."

**194 TATSUNITO TAKAIWA** (5'10", 208, 12, 164) Takaiwa hovers in the gray area between heavyweights and junior heavyweights for Zero One Max ... Hard-hitting style allows him to adjust to opponents from any weight class ... He and Shinjiro Otani had some tag classics opposite Ryouji Sai and Kohei Sato in the first few months of 2006 ... Master of the "Death Valley Driver" started his career in the junior heavyweight ranks of New Japan Pro Wrestling as the partner of Koji Kanemoto ... One of Japan's most underrated performers, he is consistently excellent in both singles and tag matches.

**195 SCORPIO** (5'11", 222, 20, NL) Scorpio, a NOAH regular, wrestled for New Japan over a decade ago ... Known as 2 Cold Scorpio during his days in ECW and WCW ... Won the Global Honored Crown Hardcore title from Mohammed Yone in October of last year ... Found limited success teaming with Eddie Edwards in 2006 ... One of the most under-appreciated performers of the last decade, he's been a consistent performer all over the world ... Inventor of the move commonly called the 450 splash ... Former ECW TV champion ... Still has a graceful moonsault press and flying legdrop in his repertoire.

**196 JINSEI SHINZAKI** (5'10", 207, 13, 212) President and head trainer of the northeastern Michinoku Pro company, he took over for long-reigning head Great Sasuke when Sasuke's political career took off ... Had great success in the first six months of 2006 teaming with rookie wrestlers for tag team action ... He and GAINA defeated Dick Togo and Great Sasuke for the Tohoku tag titles in April 2006 ... Wrestled in the WWF for a year under the moniker Hakushi ... Has wrestled for New Japan, All Japan Pro

Wrestling, FMW, and, now, Hustle ... His signature move is the praying power bomb, but he sometimes likes to make opponents submit to his straightjacket camel clutch.

**197 ROB CONWAY** (6', 240, 9, 63) The Raw wrestler has become WWE's persona chameleon over the past year ... "The Conman"—as he was known during the end of 2005 and early-2006—Conway was a sneaky, and relatively flamboyant mid-carder ... Made sporadic appearances in OVW in the past year, and showed up on the internet version of *Heat* ... Was destroyed by Kane for wearing a T-shirt bearing the release date of *See No Evil* ... Likes to finish his matches by setting his opponents up for a sling-shot suplex and then twisting underneath into a neck-breaker.

**198 RYO SAITO** (5'5", 174, 7, NL) Dragon Gate star made his U.S. debut this past year, coming to Ring of Honor and impressing American audiences with his speed and precision ... Won the Open the Dream Gate title in February 2006 ... Beat Susumu Yokosuka in December 2005 to win the King of Gate tournament ... Trained at Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon facility in Mexico ... Part of the second-generation "Do Fixer" stable, he is the group's official leader ... Solebutt kick to the stomach is always right on the money ... Has an array of unique fisherman suplexes and fishermanbusters in his arsenal.

**199 EL TERRIBLE** (6', 209, 8, NL) Monterrey native is a *rudo* in the talent-rich CMLL promotion ... Started his career in the Naucalpan-based IWRG as Damian el Terrible ... Sometimes aligned with Perro Aguayo Jr.'s Los Perros del Mal and lends a hand in their current feud with Los Guerreros del Atlantida ... Former National trips and CMLL trios champion ... Brief partnership with Shocker and Mascara Magica helped his star rise ... With Magica out of action, Terrible has floundered in singles ... More of a brawler than a technician, he likes to finish off opponents with a chokeslam.

**200 OSAMU NISHIMURA** (6'1", 220, 14, 196) Classic mat style wrestler has honed his craft all over the world, from his home promotion of New Japan Pro Wrestling to the rings of Dory Funk's conservatory in Florida ... Teamed with Katsushi Takemura for CHIKARA's Tag World Grand Prix tournament in February 2006, where they made it all the way to the quarterfinals ... Rebounded from cancer and is in the prime of his career ... Started his own promotion in June 2006; the first card will be held later this year ... Favors holds like the royal octopus and the abdominal stretch ... His throwback style had been dubbed "Muga," a term with which Nishimura is synonymous.

**201 NICK MITCHELL** (6'2", 250, 2, NL) Mitchell's first foray into WWE came as part of the company's ill-fated *Tough Enough* program's fourth installment, losing out to future WWE castoff Daniel Puder ... Signed to a WWE developmental contract in late-2005 and was assigned to Deep South Wrestling ... Moved to Ohio Valley Wrestling and paired with Nick Nemeth and Mike Mondo to form the original Spirit Squad ... Later added Ken Doane and Johnny Jeter when the group was called up to the main WWE roster ... One-fifth of the Raw World tag team champions after Kenny and Mikey defeated The Big Show and Kane to win the title.

**202 MAHONEY** (6'2", 251, 13, 380) Stayed active on the independents since the fall of the original ECW, he's now back in the game with WWE's reincarnation of the brand ... Known for his remarkably hard chair shots ... Nicknamed "The Chair-Swinging Freak" ... No one has suffered his wrath more brutally than Masato Tanaka ... Lost the NWS Hardcore title to Johnny Candido in May 2006 ... Double-tough brawler loves a good streetfight or hardcore match, but can still get it done in the ring ... Calls his signature move the "Nutcracker Suite."

**203 BLUE PANTHER** (5'6", 211, 28, 168) Mexican mat wizard is engaged in a rivalry with former partner turned *rudo* Atlantis ... They were a team called La Ola Azul, which means "The Blue Wave" ... No longer a fixture on the Friday night Arena Mexico cards, he tends to be top of the bill on the Tuesday night Arena Coliseo cards ... Teams there with

Lizmark Jr. against Los Guerreros del Atlantida ... Has wrestled all over the world, but usually confines his activity to Mexico ... Held the CMLL trios title a few years back with Fuerza Guerrera and Dr. Wagner Jr. ... Makes opponents tap out to his "Fujiwara Armbar."

**204 KEN KENNEDY** (6'2", 246, 7, NL) Kennedy can be found on the Smackdown roster ... Recently returned to action after spending several months sidelined with an injury ... Filled the first four months of 2006 rehabbing and cutting promos on living legends like Steve Williams and Harley Race ... Once known as Ken Anderson ... Handles his own ring announcements ... Quickly became one of the most despised wrestlers on the active roster, especially upon insisting he be called "Mr. Kennedy" ... Lately, has been finishing his matches with a "Swanton Bomb."

**205 BULL BUCHANAN** (6'6", 318, 10, NL) Former WWE star is now a regular member of the All Japan Pro Wrestling roster ... Joins D-Lo Brown in the RO&D stable that is always stirring up trouble in All Japan rings ... In recent months, they have been a dominant duo, beating Kensuke Sasaki and Katsuhiko Nakajima, TARU and Giant Bernard, Arashi and Hijikata, and others ... Fared well in the Real World Tag League round-robin tournament ... Has a brutal shoulder block from the middle turnbuckle ... Finisher is the flying legdrop.

**206 DON FUJI** (5'9", 212, 8, NL) Mainstay of Japan's Dragon Gate company has been known as Sumo Fuji, Dandy Fuji, and several other monikers

throughout his career ... Teams with CIMA, and, in April, added Jack Evans to the Blood Generation stable ... Won a string of trios matches in May against the Do Fixer faction ... Finishing move is a sitout version of the "Nodowa" (chokeslam) that is associated with many sumo wrestlers.

**207 JOEY MERCURY** (5'9", 213, 10, 74) Recently disappeared from WWE's Smackdown roster after a falling-out with tag team partner Johnny Nitro ... In 2005, he and Nitro held the WWE tag team title on three separate occasions ... Also held the MCW cruiserweight and tag team titles ... He and former partner Christian York teamed together in the dying days of ECW ... Landed a developmental contract and started in Ohio Valley Wrestling, which is where he and Nitro first started teaming up ... Likes to use the "Super Frankenstein."

**208 DICK TOGO** (5'9", 219, 15, 170) Was once known as the masked character Sato in the days of Gran Hamada's Universal promotion ... Championship tag team with the Great Sasuke fell apart after they lost the Tohoku tag titles to Jinsei Shinzaki and GAINA in April 2006 ... Appears all over the Japanese scene these days, from Zero One to New Japan, and he even came to the U.S. this year for a short stay with IWA East Coast ... Former British Commonwealth junior champion ... Likes to stun his opponents with a pedigree to set them in position for his signature move, the top-rope senton.

**209 HOOLIGAN** (5'9", 209, 17, NL) CMLL *rudo* is easy to spot in his trademark red, blue, and black ... His mask sports the Union Jack ... Teams with fellow *rudos* Nitro, Dr. X, and Sangre Azteca as La Pandilla Guerrera ... They aid Los Guerreros del Atlantida in their war with Los Perros del Mal ... Also wrestled as Ultimo Rebelde and Super Punk earlier in his career ... Sometimes gets overlooked in the talent-rich CMLL mid-card mix ... Has also wrestled all over the independents and for the short-lived Pro Azteca promotion of the late-1990s ... Likes to make opponents tap out to the "Rito Romero Surfboard."

**210 MIKAMI** (5'8", 170, 7, NL) One of Japan's most graceful high-flyers and the key star of the DDT promotion ... Made a name for himself in the NOAH-hosted Differ Cup tag tournament ... Famed for his wild aerial stunts performed from the top of a ladder ... Appeared in the U.S. this year for CHIKARA's Tag World Grand Prix, teaming with fellow DDT alum KUDO in February ... Now feuding with the Disaster Box faction in Japan ... Reminds some people of a young Jeff Hardy ... His missile dropkick is a thing of beauty ... Has droves of dedicated female fans that follow him everywhere ... His "Swanton Bomb" is picture perfect.





**211 CLAUDIO CASTAGNOLI** (6'4", 238, 5, 331) Swiss native is one-half of CHIKARA's Campeones de Parejas with partner Chris Hero ... Also a former CZW tag team champion with Hero ... Won both the Tag World Grand Prix 2005 (with Arik Cannon) and the 2006 edition in February (with Hero) ... Master of the European uppercut, he can throw it from any angle ... Embroiled in the CZW vs. ROH feud, having defected to the CZW side recently ... Toured Mexico this past year ... Held the IWA: Switzerland title for almost a year ... Got his start with wXw in Germany ... Former wXw heavyweight champion ... Finishes off his foes with the cross-arm pyramid bomb.

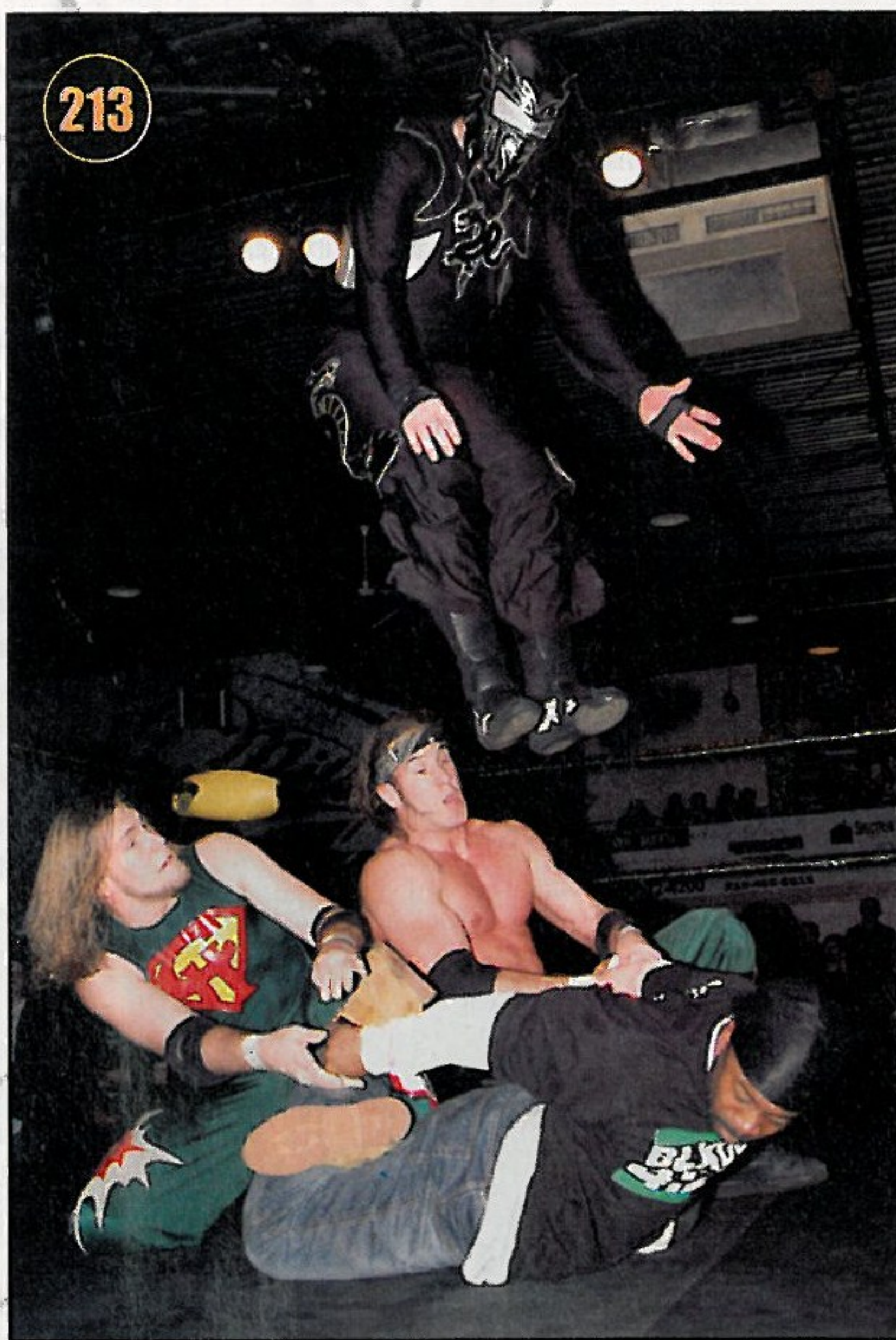
**212 LIZMARK JR.** (6'2", 242, 15, NL) Son of the legendary luchador Lizmark, his mask has the same design as his famous father's ... Won La Leyenda Azul tournament at the end of 2005 ... Teamed with Volador Jr. in La Gran Alternativa this year, but didn't fare as well ... Now sports a more chiseled physique, lots of tattoos, and a black costume ... Graceful aerialist has picture-perfect drop-kicks and headscissors ... Also wrestled for ENESMA last year between CMLL appearances ... Finishing move is a spinning variation of Mitsuharu Misawa's "Emerald Erosion."

**213 SUPER DRAGON** (6', 200, 10, NL) One of the founders of Pro Wrestling Guerrilla ... Went on to have notable feuds with both Samoa Joe and Kevin Steen ... Feud with Steen ended in a brutal "Guerrilla Warfare" match in December 2005 that saw Dragon come out on top ... Teamed with Davey Richards to capture the PWG tag team championship in October 2005 ... They held the belts for seven months ... Held the CZW heavyweight championship and was part of the CZW invasion of Ring of Honor in early-2006 ... Known for his "Psycho Driver" (torture rack into a piledriver) finisher and its many variations.

**214 SILVER KING** (5'9", 218, 21, NL) Freelance luchador is now a celebrity in his homeland after his starring role as Ramses in the Jack Black film *Nacho Libre* ... Recently dropped two masked personas at the insistence of the lucha commission ... He was both Black Tiger III and Bronco ... Has held the CMLL tag team and IWRG trios titles with an array of partners over the years ... The brother of Dr. Wagner Jr., he sometimes dons his brother's mask to confuse opponents and fans ... Has a great moonsault press, and a unique springboard plancha from the middle rope to the floor.

**215 JOHNNY STORM** (5'7", 177, 12, NL) British independent star is a top-tier high-flyer ... Has wrestled in Japan, the United States, and all across the U.K. and continental Europe ... Has had success teaming with Jodi Fleisch so far this year in 1PW ... As a nod to his namesake, The Human Torch, Storm dubbed one of his quadruple-hit combo moves "The Fantastic Four" ... Nicknamed the "Wonderkid" for his incredible feats of agility ... One of just a handful of wrestlers that can execute the "Dragon's Ray" blind backward huracanrana from the corner ... Trademark move is a flipped "Michinoku Driver" called the "WonderWhirl."

**216 GENE SNITSKY** (6'4", 310, 8, 83) Once part of an unsettling episode involving Kane, Lita, and their unborn spawn, Snitsky has since been relegated to sporadic appearances in comedic



**217 KOHEI SUWAMA** (6'2", 265, 2, NL) Relative rookie in All Japan rings debuted in late-2004 against the legendary Hiroshi Hase ... Stunned critics by finishing first in his block in the annual Champions Carnival this year and gave an outstanding performance each night of the tournament ... Aligned with the Voodoo Murderers since January 2006, and now teams with Taru and Brother Yasshi ... Challenged Satoshi Kojima for the Triple Crown in June, but couldn't unseat the champion ... Since dying his hair bright red in early-2006, has all but dropped his first name when wrestling ... Trademark move is the "Last Ride" power bomb.

**218 B.J. WHITMER** (6'1", 230, 6, 207) Ring of Honor standout broke free of his 2005 slump and made a very strong showing against former ROH champion and current TNA star Samoa Joe early in 2006 ... Probably attained the most recognition in his career thanks to his role in the ROH vs. CZW feud, which saw him take wins in several key matchups ... After nearly being taken out by Super Dragon's "Psycho Driver" through a table, Whitmer persevered and worked through the injury ... Gained his revenge not long thereafter, putting Super Dragon through a table with an exploder suplex from the top rope to the floor.

**219 CHRIS MASTERS** (6'5", 270, 4, 116) The muscular Raw star is known as "The Masterpiece," playing an updated version of Lex Luger's "Narcissist" ... Fell to Shawn Michaels at Unforgiven ... Former partner of Carlito, the two were never on the same page and made for an awkward tag team ... After losing to Big Show and Kane at WrestleMania 22, Masters and Carlito split up ... A former Mr. California and runner-up in the Mr. Olympia competition ... Missed some time in the summer of 2006 for personal reasons ... Spent time in the OWW developmental camp before arriving on the main roster ... His "Masterlock" finisher is a full-nelson.

**220 MR. NIEBLA** (5'9", 209, 16, 102) Former CMLL heavyweight champion has been a popular *tecnico* practically his

entire career ... Has settled into the mid-card mix after some lukewarm performances in trios matches ... Former CMLL trios and tag team champion ... Billed as "the man with the elastic body," his name literally translates to "Mr. Fog" ... Won the mask of his former partner Shocker back in 1999, but oddly, it was Shocker's career that skyrocketed after the match ... The stocky masked man is a remarkable high flyer and mat virtuoso ... His pet move is "La Nieblina," a complicated hold that ties up an opponent's arms and legs into a tight little ball.

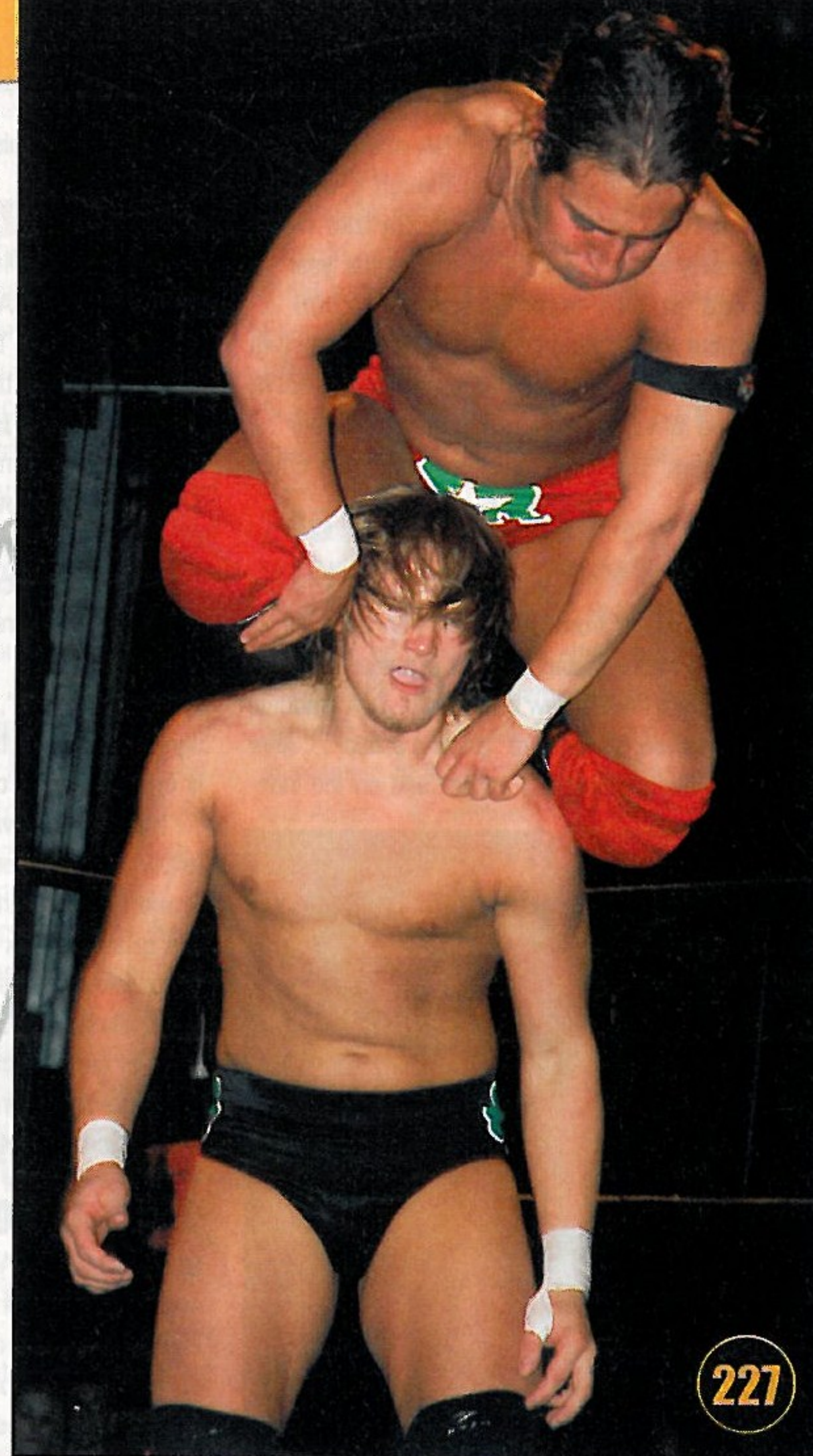
**221 BROTHER RUNT** (5'8", 150, 12, 87) TNA's Brother Runt (formerly Spike Dudley) was released with his "half-brothers" (the former D-Von and Bubba Ray Dudley) by WWE in August 2005 ... Made his surprise debut with TNA in April, rescuing his brothers from an ambush by Team Canada ... Publicly rejected—in the building that used to be called ECW Arena—an alleged WWE offer to join the new ECW ... Named head trainer for Top Rope Promotions wrestling school in June ... Finishes off opponents, regardless of their size, with the "Acid Drop", which is a spinning "Ace Crusher" from the corner.

**222 KOHEI SATO** (6'3", 231, 5, NL) Zero One Max wrestler enjoyed a banner year ... Won the Z1Max United National heavyweight title in February 2006 after C.W. Anderson vacated the title ... Co-holder of the NWA Intercontinental tag team titles with Ryouji Sai until June 2006; they won them from Steve Corino and Yutaka Yoshie, then lost them to Manabu Nakanishi and Takao Omori ...

Teamed with Toshiaki Kawada in the main event of a Hustle card, one of his highest profile matches to date ... Beat Tatsutoshi Goto in the 2006 Fire Festival ... Signature move is the German suplex.

**223 VITO** (6'2", 245, 16, NL) The former ECW "Baldie" was outed to his fellow Smackdown wrestlers after being sighted at various locales in his dress while not under WWE employ ... What some may view as a gimmick, Vito appears to see as a clever, psychological maneuver as many an opponent became preoccupied with his unusual ring attire, more so than the wrestler under it ... Has wrestled for WCW as well in the past ... Relies on a butterfly DDT, better known as the "Luca Brazzi" to put opponents down for the three-count.

**224 EL CANEK** (6'2", 242, 34, NL) Longtime champion of the now-defunct UWA is one of lucha libre's true legends ... Challenged Dr. Wagner Jr. for the UWA title, but hasn't been awarded a title bout yet ... Still wears his famous black and gold mask ... Has faced legends from every era, ranging from Hulk Hogan to Tiger Mask I ... Once defeated Lou Thesz ... Famed for his incredible strength ... His sons also wear his iconic mask, they wrestle as Canek Jr. and El Hijo del Canek ... Long rivalry with



Dos Caras is the stuff of lucha legend ... Pet move is a gorilla press dropped into a backbreaker, the bane of *rudos* throughout Mexico for decades.

**225 SHARK BOY** (5'10", 180, 9, 119) A cult favorite with TNA, he's a popular fixture all over the independents as well ... Graduate of the HWA Main Event Wrestling Camp in Cincinnati, Ohio ... Defeated Nigel McGuinness at TNA's Genesis back in November 2005 ... Had a good streak going in early-2006, teaming with Matt Bentley ... His luck soured in February when Samoa Joe destroyed him in seconds ... Lost to Senshi At Slammiversary in a six-way dance ... Hails from "20,000 Leagues Under The Sea," and starred in MTV's *True Life: I'm A Pro Wrestler* ... Utilizes the "Dead Sea Drop" as his trademark maneuver.

**226 ELECTRO SHOCK** (6'1", 215, 13, 169) AAA *rudo* departed for CMLL last year after a falling-out with Antonio Pena ... Stayed in AAA only for a few months before being fired over an incident with a fan that garnered some negative press for the company ... Brother of fellow luchador Charly Manson ... Married Lady Apache inside a ring ... Wears a small mask over his mouth and nose, like the one used to restrain Hannibal Lecter in *Silence*

*Of The Lambs* ... Dabbled in mixed martial arts competition but was destroyed by Hikaru Sato ... Held the Mexican title for a short stint.

**227 SAL RINAURO** (5'9", 185, 4, NL) American independent wrestler can be seen in Full Impact Pro Wrestling in Florida, where he's focused his attention after a stint in Ring of Honor ... Held the ROH tag team championships with Tony Mamaluke in late-2005 until Roderick Strong and Austin Aries ended their reign ... Ousted Jimmy Rave from FIP after winning a "Loser Leaves Town" match ... Put up a valiant effort against current FIP champion Bryan Danielson in his June title shot, but didn't capture the belt ... Competes regularly for NWA Anarchy and has wrestled for the IWA Deep South promotion as well ... Pet move is his "Phoenix Fury" legdrop.

**228 KID KASH** (5'10", 188, 16, 115) Former ECW star is now a staple of the WWE's Smackdown brand ... Won the WWE cruiserweight title, defeating Juventud Guerrera at the Armageddon pay-per-view in December 2005 ... Lost the cruiserweight title to Gregory Helms at the Royal Rumble in an open invitational match ... Started teaming with Jamie Noble in March 2006 ... They were eventually dubbed The Pitbulls, competing primarily on WWE's Internet program *Velocity* ... During his successful run as cruiserweight champion, Kash would finish off opponents with the "Dead Level," a brain-buster-like move.

**229 BRAZO DE PLATA** (5'7", 241, 29, NL) Known throughout Mexico by his nickname, "Super Porky," he is one of the six famed Brazos of lucha libre, and the son of Shadito Cruz ... Briefly appeared with the WWE Smackdown brand in the ill-fated junior division ... Was often seen eating pork in Teddy Long's office ... Just jumped from CMLL to AAA ... His name literally means "Arm Of Silver" ... With his brothers, held the National trios, UWA trios, and CMLL trios titles ... Wildly charismatic, he is one of Mexico's most popular stars ... Finishes off opponents by sitting on them.

**230 RICKY MARVIN** (5'6", 186, 11, NL) Former CMLL standout is now full-time with NOAH in Japan ... Blends the lucha and puroresu styles into a unique hybrid ... Donned the mask of Mush-iking Joker, a mischievous cartoon character, for a handful of matches in early-2006 ... Has become a rival of Mohammed Yone since March 2006, meeting in several trios matches ... Mexican feuds with Virus and Volador Jr. resulted in some spectacular aerial battles ... One of the world's premier high-flyers, he springs to the top rope effortlessly, sometimes without using his hands ... Brother of AAA mini-luchador Rocky Marvin.



**231 JAMIE NOBLE** (5'8", 190, 12, 100) WWE Smackdown star is now in the tag team ranks, forming The Pitbulls with Kid Kash ... Returned to WWE after a one-year layoff in which he competed as part of New Japan Pro Wrestling as well as various independent promotions in the United States ... Enjoyed great success with California's Pro Wrestling Guerilla as well as with the Pennsylvania-based Ring of Honor ... Held the ROH strap for a little over a month before being unseated by Bryan Danielson ... This versatile cruiserweight utilized his version of the "Dragon Sleeperhold" as his primary finisher.



**232 TAKAO OMORI** (6'2", 221, 14, NL) Former All Japan and NOAH star is now a regular with Shinjiro Otani's Zero One Max promotion ... Defeated Otani for the AWA heavyweight title in April 2006 and had a handful of successful defenses since, including one over Tatsutoshi Goto ... Subsequently lost the AWA title to Ric Converse ... In June 2006, teamed with Manabu Nakanishi to beat Ryouji Sai and Kohei Sato for the NWA Intercontinental tag titles ... Has trained under Harley Race, and competed for his WLW group in the Midwest ... Knocks out opponents with his "Axe Bomber" lariat.

**233 RAVEN** (6'1", 243, 19, 45) Was sitting atop TNA this time last year as NWA World champion ... Dropped the title during a Border City Wrestling-NWA card in Ontario in September 2005 ... Larry

Zbyszko, acting on behalf of TNA management, declared the victory valid even though it was not part of a TNA card ... Raven and Zbyszko would feud, mostly verbally, for the next calendar year ... Returned to TNA early in summer 2006 ... Participated in the "King Of The Mountain" match at Slammiversary in June ... Has experience in ECW, WCW, and WWE throughout his storied career ... Renamed his "Evenflow" finisher the "Raven Effect DDT."

**234 ROADKILL** (6', 302, 10, NL) The big "chicken-plucker" from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, is back on the national stage after a five-year absence, courtesy of the WWE's new ECW brand ... A graduate of ECW's "House Of Hardcore" training school ... After making a few appearances in TNA and on the inde-

pendent circuit, signed a WWE developmental deal and reported to OVW last November ... Wrestled one of the best matches of his career, a loss to Sabu on the second episode of ECW on Sci-Fi ... Cult favorite from the original ECW who has improved considerably in the ring ... Favorite finisher is the "Amish Bomb," patterned after Vader's "Vader Bomb."

**235 LANCE CADE** (6'5", 262, 7, 153) WWE wrestler competes for the Raw brand ... Previously known as Garrison Cade ... Cade and partner Trevor Murdoch's WWE careers have been inextricably linked since the two were originally paired together in mid-2005 ... Cade is the more athletic member of the two ... Still a mainstay on *Heat*, which has since been relegated to on-line status at WWE.com ... Graduate of Shawn Michaels' Wrestling Academy ... Displays a solid move set and impressive agility ... There's very

little flashiness to his lariat clothesline finisher.

**236 ANTIFAZ DEL NORTE** (5'7", 194, 13, NL) High-flying Mexican luchador recently moved from CMLL to AAA ... His name roughly translates to "The Mask Of The North" ... Had some intense singles bouts with Zumbido in January 2006 ... Won the hair of Hator last year in Monterrey ... Made a few memorable appearances in ECW ... Seasoned pro throws some wicked chops and drop-kicks ... Briefly wrestled as the second "Hunter" ... Executes a corkscrew bodyblock over the top rope to the floor with great precision and grace.

**237 KUDO** (6', 199, 6, NL) One of the most recognizable stars in the undersized DDT promotion that is emerging as a cult-favorite independent in Japan ... Has made a few tours of the U.S. ... Teamed with fellow DDT wrestler MIKAMI for CHIKARA's Tag World Grand Prix tournament in February; they made it to the quarterfinals before falling to Delirious and Hallowicked ... Also competed for IWC and IWA East Coast during his U.S. stay ... Throws a devastating array of kicks to the head and body ... Former DDT tag team champion ... Puts opponents away with his *machupichu* (double knee drop) from the top rope.

**238 EL DANDY** (5'7", 200, 25, NL) This former star of CMLL, AAA, ENESMA, and IWRG wrestles all over the Mexican independent scene ... Multiple-time welterweight and middleweight champion of Mexico ... One of the top stars in the Acapulco circuit, he sometimes wrestles seven days a week ... Has a devastating right hook ... Has been very vocal about his desire to return to CMLL after years of freelance work ... Long feud with El Hijo del Santo and Negro Casas is legendary throughout all of Mexico ... La Dandita—or "Dandy Roll"—is his name for "La Magistral" cradle.

**239 EL SAMURAI** (5'11", 213, 20, NL) Multiple-time winner of the IWGP junior heavyweight as well as junior tag titles in New Japan Pro Wrestling ... Masked man held the IWGP junior tag titles recently with Ryusuke Taguchi, until losing to Gedo and Jado in the summer ... Has a number of variations of the reverse DDT at his disposal ... Signature submission hold is the chicken wing.

**240 MASCARA SAGRADA** (5'11", 222, 28, NL) The original Mascara Sagrada is the one referenced here, not one of the five others to appropriate the character since his falling out with AAA promoter Antonio Pena ... Won a long-running legal case to retain the rights to the name and likeness of the character ... Has teamed with Macarita Sagrada recently for a series of tag matches against Pentagon and Pentagoncito ... Nicknamed "The White Tiger" by fans ... An active independent wrestler, he sometimes appears with CMLL ... Not as quick as he once was, but still executes a great huracanrana.

**241 MASAO INOUE** (5'11", 234, 15, NL) NOAH heavyweight finally kick started his career a bit in the past year ... Forms The Dark Agents with Akitoshi Saito and Takashi Sugiura ... Won a number-one contender's tournament, last beating Akitoshi Saito ... Challenged Jun Akiyama for the GHC heavyweight title in April 2006, which was his biggest career break, but couldn't capture the belt ... Spent years on the undercard of All Japan Pro Wrestling shows learning his craft, then followed Mitsuharu Misawa when he formed NOAH ... Likes to make opponents tap to the Argentinian back-breaker known widely as the "Torture Rack."

**242 GROON XXX** (6', 252, 4, NL) Made his name as La Gronda but had to change it after leaving AAA, since the name belongs to promoter Antonio Pena ... Huge, superhuman musculature is offset by his creepy devil-like mask ... One of the top draws on the Mexican independents, he headlines regional arenas destroying local luchadores every weekend ... Sidelined for a bit last year after a serious knee injury, he has since returned sporting a heavy-duty brace ... Surprised his critics by showing up in CMLL and faring well against top-notch competition like Ultimo Guerrero and Rey Bucanero ... Limited offense includes a clothesline and a chokeslam.

**243 HIROOKI GOTO** (6', 209, 3, NL) New Japan junior heavyweight has yet to really break out as a bona fide star ... Popped up in TNA for the World X Cup back in May as a New Japan representative ... Held the IWGP junior tag team titles with Minoru Tanaka earlier in the year; they were unseated by El Samurai and Ryusuke Taguchi ... Spent the summer of 2006 traveling to gain more international experience ... Fared well in last year's Openweight tag tournament with partner Yuji Nagata ... Missed just a few weeks on a tendon tear back in April ... Made a solid showing in the annual Best of the Super Juniors tournament ... Trademark move is the *jujigatamae*.

**244 VIRUS** (5'5", 178, 20, NL) CMLL *tecnico* started his career under the name "Bird Boy" when he was just a teenager ... Just completed his first tour with All Japan Pro Wrestling, competing as a junior heavyweight ... Took part in the June's Junior Singles League tournament, but didn't fare well ... Stocky high-flyer is surprisingly agile and quick ... Cousin of mat master Skayde ... Served as a sidekick to Pirata Morgan and Damian el Guerrero in his formative years ... Has had many memorable bouts against Ricky Marvin, he later teamed with Marvin to fend of the Havana Pitbulls ... Has a perfect moonsault.

**245 MOHAMMED YONE** (6', 221, 11, NL) The NOAH heavyweight is starting to come into his own ... Former Global Honored Crown tag team

champion ... Formed a championship duo with Takeshi Morishima; the two lost the GHC tag team titles to Kenta Kobashi and Tamon Honda in June 2006 after an eight-month reign ... Appeared in England for the 1PW group this year ... A former GHC Hardcore champion who lost the title to Scorpion back in October of 2005 ... Pet move is the "Kinniku Buster," or muscle buster.

**246 JIMMY YANG** (5'9", 185, 7, 141) Recently re-signed with WWE after spending most of the year in Ring of Honor ... His impressive stay in ROH saw him defeat Jay Lethal and make it to the finals of the Trios Tournament back in January with partners Jack Evans and Matt Sydal ... They lost the tournament to the trio of Alex Shelley, Jimmy Rave, and Abyss ... Continued to feud with Rave for the duration of his stay in Ring of Honor ... Currently



training Tai Mak, better known to fans of the movie *The Last Dragon* as Bruce Leroy ... His "Yang Time" signature move is akin to the Cancun tornado press.

**247 PAUL BIRCHALL** (6'4", 281, 4, NL) British standout is now a WWE grappler for Smackdown ... Went through a pirate phase ... Started out with the FWA in England before signing a developmental deal and ending up in OVW ... Regal refused to partner with Birchall as long as he thought he was a pirate ... Defeated Regal in a "Winner Chooses Losers's Outfit" match in April and forced his former partner to dress as a "buxom wench" ... Injured by a rampaging Mark Henry in June ... The master of "Walking The Plank" (a standing moonsault sideslam), an impressive finishing maneuver.

**248 ALEX SHELLEY** (5'10", 199, 4, 103) A feud with Sting as well as an unlikely alliance with

Kevin Nash has helped spark this young TNA star's career ... Beat Jay Lethal at Destination X ... Joined Team USA for the World X Cup gauntlet match at Sacrifice ... Formed a highly successful tag team with fellow Embassy member Jimmy Rave in Ring of Honor ... Under the tutelage of Prince Nana, the duo went on a long winning streak before coming up short against ROH tag team champions Roderick Strong and Austin Aires in an April 2006 title match ... Best known for his painful "Border City Stretch" submission hold.

**249 TAMON HONDA** (6'3", 248, 13, NL) The NOAH heavyweight is a consistent performer that has yet to become a breakout star ... Partner of

Kenta Kobashi, the duo captured the GHC tag team titles from Takeshi Morishima and Mohammed Yone in June 2006 ... Has been part of Kobashi's new Burning stable, who opposes Jun Akiyama's Sternness stable ... An accomplished amateur wrestler, he's been on the mat practically his whole life ... Still wears his trademark red singlet to the ring ... Puts his opponents away with the pyramid suplex, which is a cross-armed German suplex.

**250 SUPER DELFIN** (5'9", 205, 17, 152) President and most recognizable star of Japanese independent Osaka Pro, the company he founded after leaving Michinoku Pro ... Won the Osaka Pro title from his aquatic rival, Super Dolphin, in March 2006 ... Has a great uppercut-style palm blow ... Invented the "Osaka Cutter" variation of the stunner ... Was once known as "Monkey Magic Wakita" ... Favorite finishing combo is the swinging DDT followed by his patented "Delfin Clutch."



**251 STEVIE RICHARDS** (6'2", 227, 14, 134) WWE mainstay is now back under the ECW banner thanks to the McMahon's reinvention of the brand ... Missed some time last year thanks to the brutal offense of men like Chris Masters and Tyson Tomko ... Was lost in the undercard mix of the Raw brand, but has a chance to shine once again in ECW ... Leader of the satirical "BWO" that re-forms from time to time, including the Blue Meanie and the former Nova, Simon Dean ... Puts opponents away with the appropriately named "Stevie Kick."

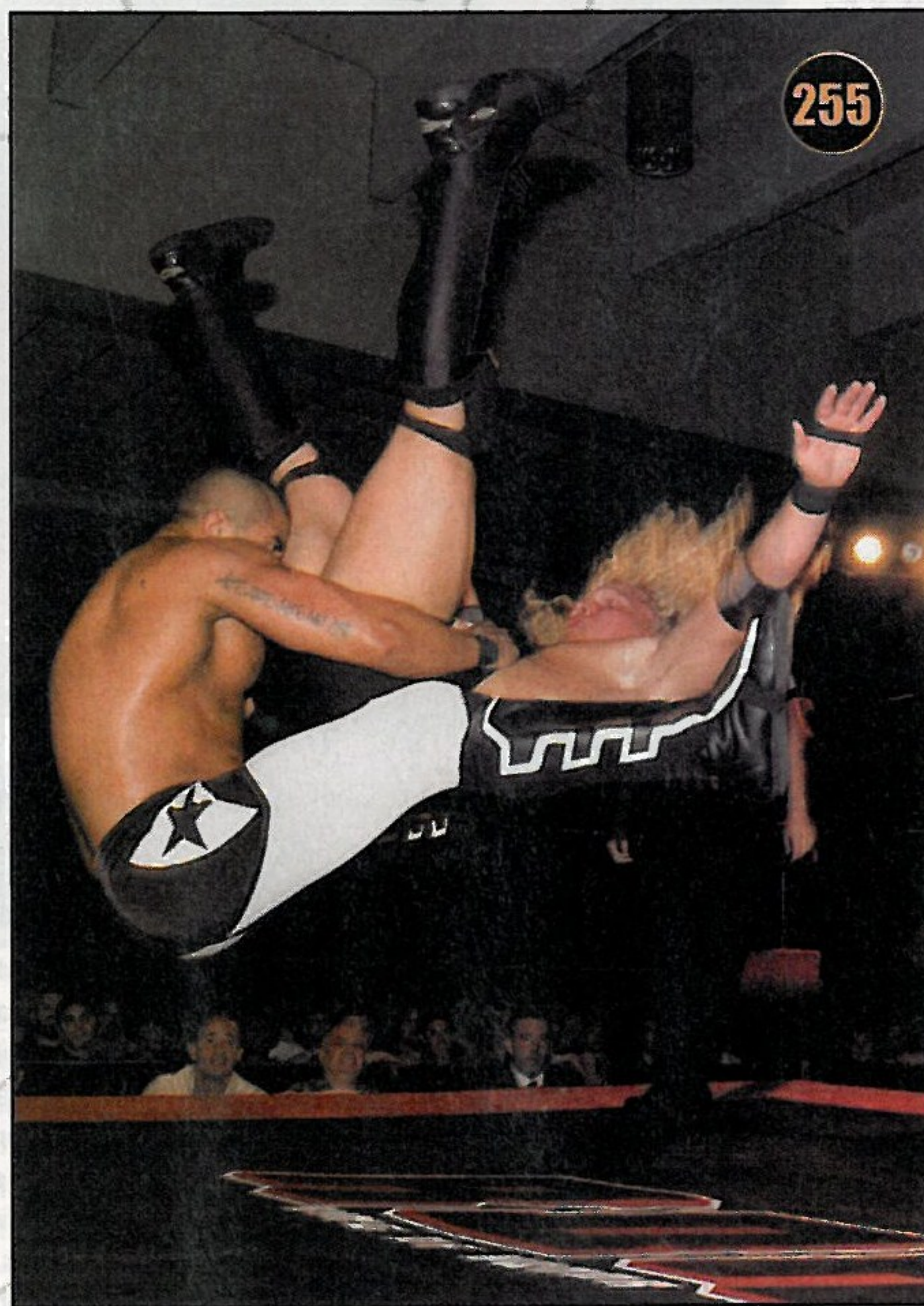
**252 SHO FUNAKI** (5'7", 180, 16, 108) WWE mainstay has been with Smackdown since the brand split years back ... Now forms a hit-or-miss tag team with Scotty 2 Hotty ... Formerly of the Kaientai Deluxe faction ... Trained by Animal Hamiguchi and Yoshiaki Fujiwara ... Rose to prominence in his native Japan with groups like Michinoku Pro and BattlArts ... Known far and wide to be the "Number-One Announcer," which usually results in this cruiserweight's skills going overlooked ... Pet moves include the fisherman-buster and the "Shawn Capture" knee bar submission.

**253 TEST** (6'6", 302, 9, NL) Ontario native bounced around the independents after his WWE release, then popped up in the new version of ECW, feuding with Tommy Dreamer ... Has been fairly inactive this past year ... Has a strange past relationship with Stephanie McMahon that may or may not hinder his career ... Started his WWE stint as a bodyguard, but quickly transitioned to wrestling ... Throws a high kick to the face that turns opponents inside-out ... His pump-handle slam variation makes for an effective finishing move.

**254 NARUKI DOI** (5'10", 187, 6, NL) The Dragon Gate star wrestled through his formative years under the name Second Doi and wore baseball-themed gear to the ring ... Now part of the Blood Generation splinter stable with Yoshino and Kishiwada in Dragon Gate, they broke away from CIMA and Don Fuji ... They are referred to as the Muscle Outlawz since the break in early-2006 ... Lost the "Open The Brave Gate" title to Dragon Kid in November 2005 ... Trained in Mexico under Skyayde and Negro Navarro ... Made his U.S. debut back in March competing in a six-

man tag for Ring of Honor which won him great acclaim ... Quick-footed grappler is known for his baseball-slide dropkick.

**255 RICKY REYES** (5'9", 192, 7, 177) American independent wrestler is best known for his partnership with Rocky Romero as The Havana Pitbulls ... Appears regularly with Ring of Honor, Jersey All Pro, NWA Shockwave, and a host of other promotions ... Has experience wrestling in Mexico for CMLL, where he feuded with Volador Jr. and Virus ... Debuted with 1PW in the U.K. this past year ... Sometimes teams with Homicide in ROH, who, along with Julius Smokes, are known as The Rottweilers ... Scored impressive wins over Jack Evans, Alex Shelley, Mike Krueh, and Chad Collyer this past year ... Finishing maneuver is a seated "Dragon Sleeper" variation.



**256 EL SAGRADO** (5'10", 190, 14, NL) Always decked out in white, this CMLL *tecnico* is a new character, but an experienced luchador under the mask ... Once wrestled under the name Slayer ... Currently holds the National trios title with Maximo and Texano Jr. ... Didn't stand out from the mid-card pack in CMLL until his trio upset La Pandilla Guerrera last year for the titles ... Had a great match with veteran *rudo* Arkangel de la Muerte in March 2006 ... His brother, Rockero, is

also a luchador ... His name means, roughly, "The Sacred" ... Best known for his planchas, both in and out of the ring.

**257 TAKUMA SANO** (5'9", 220, 22, NL) The NOAH regular is a solid mid-card talent that sometimes teams up with Mitsuharu Misawa ... Tends to stick to tag team fare these days, he's opposed Scorpio with an array of partners since the beginning of the year ... Has a background in submission wrestling and mixed martial arts ... Not much of a junior heavyweight anymore, but he did appear in the 2000 Super J Cup tournament hosted by Michinoku Pro ... Had a groundbreaking feud with Jushin Liger in New Japan some 16 years back when he was known as Naoki Sano ... Executes a terrific tiger suplex.

**258 TATANKA** (6'2", 285, 17, NL) WWE star of the early-1990s is back in action with the Smackdown brand ... Made a surprise return to WWE in August 2005 in a match with Eugene that ended in a no-contest ... Was paired with Matt Hardy as part of a promising tag team on Smackdown, but the duo was unable to win the gold ... Taped segments of Tatanka becoming part of the Lakota Tribe aired in early-May 2006 ... Likes to use the "Samoan Drop" and the tomahawk chop to the head.

**259 THE BOOGEYMAN** (6'5", 255, 2, 312) The WWE oddity is part of the Smackdown brand ... Learned his craft in the OVW developmental camp before arriving on the main roster ... Beat JBL at the Royal Rumble ... Won his WrestleMania 22 debut in a handicap bout against Booker T and Sharmell ... Enjoys stuffing worms in people's mouths and always seems to have a healthy supply of them handy ... His matches are typically short and explosive ... Uses a pumphandle slam variation, called "Good Night," as his primary finisher.

**260 MASAOKI MOCHIZUKI** (5'7", 209, 12, NL) The former Toryumon star is a regular with Magnum Tokyo's

Dragon Gate promotion these days ... Held the "Open The Dream Gate" championship in 2005 before losing to Kishiwada ... Previously of the Toryumon stables Do-Fixer as well as M2K, where he served as leader of the faction ... Now sees a lot more singles action than he did in Toryumon ... Used to ride a scooter to the ring, donning sunglasses and a silk jacket ... Famed for his triangle kick, which is a flying-enzuigiri performed after scaling the ropes.

**261 JIMMY JACOBS** (5'7", 169, 7, 176) The Ring of Honor regular is embroiled in a torrid one-sided love affair with valet Lovely Lacey ... Wrote the "Ballad Of Lacey," his new entrance theme, and fans have been covering their ears or waving their lighted cell-phones ever since ... Had a brutal series of singles matches with former tag team partner B.J. Whitmer in ROH ... Rose to prominence feuding with Alex Shelley in IWA Mid-South a few years ago when he was known for imitating the Berzerker's "Huss!" and wearing furry boots ... Signature move is the "Contra Code" shiranui variation.



**262 DAVID YOUNG** (6'1", 246, 7, 199) The struggling TNA star has become one of the Diamonds In The Rough, and is trying to turn his career around by teaming with Elix Skipper ... Together they beat the odd tandem of Shark Boy and Norman Smiley at March's Destination X ... Took an upset win over The Naturals in April and repeated the feat in June ... Suffered an incredible losing streak during his early TNA days that most fans can't get out of their heads ... Has found some success since coming under the tutelage of Simon Diamond ... Signature finishing move is the spinebuster.

**263 ROMEO ROSELLI** (6'1", 220, 4, 136) Former OWW and Raw brand wrestler returned to the independent circuit in February 2006 ... Teamed with Antonio Thomas as The Heartthrobs ... The duo attempted to lure Lilian Garcia away from Viscera, but to no avail ... Debuted in Puerto Rico's WWC promotion in April 2006, defeating Eddie Colon on his first night of the tour ... Went on to capture the Puerto Rican title from Bronco ... Feuding with former partner Antonio in the New England independents these days ... Finisher of choice is the blockbuster.

**264 STEVE CORINO** (6'1", 225, 12, 113) Former ECW and AWA champion ... Was defeated for the AWA title by Takao Omori ... One of the top American stars plying his trade in Shinjiro Otani's Zero One Max company ... Held the NWA Intercontinental tag team titles with Yutaka Yoshie for a few months earlier this year before losing to Kohei Sato and Ryouji Sai ... Left Ring of Honor some time ago in the wake of a violent feud with Homicide ... Used to refer to his swinging neck-breaker as "The Old School Expulsion."

**265 ARIK CANNON** (5'8", 210, 5, 283) Winner of CHIKARA's fourth annual Young Lions Cup is becoming a hot commodity on the American independent scene ... Nickname is "The Anarchist" ... A two-time former IWA Mid-South champion, he's also captured the 3XW cruiserweight belt ... The Chicago native made it to the finals of last year's Ted Petty Invitational (for IWA Mid-South) and also co-won the CHIKARA Tag World Grand Prix 2005 with Claudio Castagnoli ...

Known for his spiky mohawk and shiny pleather outfits ... Pet move is the "Glimmering Warlock," which is essentially a "Shining Enzuigiri."

**266 MICK FOLEY** (6'2", 297, 20, NL) The hardcore legend returned to WWE in October 2005 and has remained a semi-regular member of the Raw brand ... Ran afoul of Edge in February 2006 ... Lost to the "Rated R Superstar" in a brutal hardcore match at WrestleMania 22 ... Match gave Foley a newfound respect for Edge, and the two became allies ... Teamed with Edge and Lita to defeat Tommy Dreamer,

Terry Funk, and Beulah at ECW One Night Stand II ... Began a feud with fellow legend Ric Flair ... Lost to Flair at Vengeance and spent the rest of the summer refusing a rematch ... Still uses the mandible claw to finish off opponents.

**267 YUTAKA YOSHIE** (5'10", 350, 9, NL) The Zero One Max star is often referred to by his new nickname, "Y2P" ... Frequently tags with Steve Corino; the duo held the NWA Intercontinental tag team titles for a few months earlier this year before losing to Kohei Sato and Ryouji Sai ... A former New Japan star who went freelance back in January and ended up in Zero One Max a month later ... Showed up as the protégé of Great Kabuki on some shows billed as "The Great Yuta," but the character wasn't a hit ... Typically garbed in bright pink singlets, and sometimes a mask ... Calls his finisher the "Karuzawa Ham Sandwich."

**268 DANNY DORING** (5'11", 212, 7, 332) The ECW star is back in the company where he first rose to stardom ... Bounced around the independent circuit before WWE's developmental system came calling ... A former MCW, NWA Upstate, and NWA Florida heavyweight champion ... Calls himself the "Danaconda" ... One of the few men tough enough to graduate from ECW's old House of Hardcore training center ... Has a great legdrop.

**269 ARKANGEL DE LA MUERTE** (5'9", 205, 21, NL) CMLL *rudo* is an experienced veteran and ring virtuoso ... First wrestled as Angel de la Muerte, then upgraded to Arkangel ... Injured his wrist in the summer, but only missed a week of ring time ... Sometimes appears with Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon for their quarterly events in Mexico City ... Has also wrestled in the United States and Japan ... His plancha suicida from the corner is a thing of beauty ... Favorite submission hold is a complex lock that looks like a sunset flip gone wrong, with his opponent stretched in every direction.

**270 MASATO YOSHINO** (5'9", 175, 5, NL) Current Dragon Gate star is a favorite with the company's legions of female fans ... Part of Ultimo Dragon's T2P class that trained in Naucalpan, Mexico, he originally wrestled in garb resembling a Tarzan costume ... Came to the U.S. for the first time competing for Ring of Honor in March 2006 ... Known for his incredibly quick counter-wrestling ... Part of the Blood Generation in Dragon Gate ... Wrestled for a stint under the name Yossino, before the separation of Dragon Gate from the Toryumon ... Appeared in one of the Differ Cups hosted by NOAH ... Swings a headscissors directly into an octopus hold, it's known as the "Yoshino Special."



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## 275 HARRY SMITH

(6'6", 251, 6, 186) The Stampede Wrestling star is now part of WWE, signing with the promotion in April 2006 ... Son of the legendary Davey Boy Smith, Harry has adopted "Bulldog" as his nickname ... Feuded with former tag team partner T.J. Wilson for the better portion of 2006 ... Lost the AWA Pinacle heavyweight title to Wilson in May ... Made the leap directly to the Raw roster without spending time in the developmental system ... Wrestled a series of dark matches for the Raw brand throughout summer 2006 ... Mixes raw power with a surprising array of wear-down and submission moves ... His running powerslam finisher is done in honor of his father.

## 276 LANCE HOYT

(6'9", 290, 6, 156) A TNA regular for over two years now, he's come a long way since teaming with Kid Kash under the name Dallas ... In late-2005, saw a lot of trios action teaming with the Naturals, but Hoyt gave up on the relationship all together by February 2006 ... Teamed with Shark Boy and Cassidy Riley to defeat the trio of Shannon Moore, David Young, and Elix Skipper at Against All Odds in February 2006 ... Beat Matt Bentley at Destination X, despite interference by Traci Brooks ... Signature move is a sitout power bomb.

## 277 MAZADA

(5'9", 195, 11, NL) Freelance wrestler most typically shows his face in All Japan Pro Wrestling ... Splits his time between Mexico and Japan; he is adept at both lucha libre and puroresu ... Regular teammate of Nosawa, the two last paired up for All Japan's junior tag team tournament ... Toured Mexico with matches in CMLL and Azteca Promociones in May where he ended up on the losing end of trios matches every night ... Won the mask of Cerebro Negro in IWRG, their bloody feud dates back to October 2005 ... In a grudge match, lost his hair to Cerebro Negro in June 2006 ... Signature move is the German suplex.

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(6', 245, 4, NL) Rising star of TNA is the pride and joy of trainer Scott D'Amore ... Rarely uses his full name, Alastair Ralphs ... A former Border City Wrestling heavyweight champion ... Debuted with TNA in March 2005 as part of Team Canada ... Came up short in a singles match against Ron Killings at the Against All Odds pay-per-view in February 2006 ... Feuded with Team 3D in the spring months ... Lost in

a cage match to Team 3D at Lockdown ... Rebounded with a win over The Naturals at Slammiversary ... His signature move is the "Royal Flush" neckbreaker.

## 279 ACE STEEL

(5'9", 220, 14, 171) Midwest independent veteran has popped up in Ring of Honor quite a bit in the past year ... Trained the likes of C.M. Punk and Colt Cabana ... Helped defend ROH as an integral part of the ROH vs. CZW feud ... Involved in a wild match back in April that saw ROH get defeated by the CZW contingent ... Set to represent ROH in a "Cage Of Death" match along with Samoa Joe, B.J. Whitmer, Adam Pearce, and a mystery partner ... Competed for AAW and NWA Central States promotions in the past year ... Finishing maneuver is a "Gori Special" turned neckbreaker most popularly known as the "Widow's Peak."

## 280 HOMBRE SIN NOMBRE

(5'9", 189, 24, NL) "The man without a name" is a CMLL *tecnico*, formerly known as Safari ... Teamed with Hector Garza for the 2006 Gran Alternativa tournament, but Garza walked out on him in mid-match ... Resulting feud saw Garza dominate the black-clad *tecnico* ... Previously wrestled under the name "Pantera Del Ring" ... Has held both the National trios and the CMLL trios titles with various partners throughout his career ... Brother of CMLL rudo Hooligan ... Has a tight prawn hold variation where he scissors an opponent's head while crossing their legs at the same time.

## 281 SCOTTY 2 HOTTY

(5'9", 209, 18, 137) Longtime WWE cruiserweight has been with the Smackdown brand since the split with Raw years back ... Forms a hit-or-miss tag team with Sho Funaki on the Smackdown tours ... Former tag team and light heavyweight champion of WWE ... Has bounced back from his share of harrowing injuries and health scares over the past two years ... Singles career has been utterly stagnant in the last 12 months ... Trademark move is "The Worm," a long, breakdance sequence that ends with a blow to the upper body.

## 282 YOSHINARI OGAWA

(5'9", 198, 21, NL) NOAH junior heavyweight is the protégé of Mitsuharu Misawa, and has spent much of the past year tagging with his mentor ... Once held the Global Honored Crown championship ... He won it on a fluke from Jun Akiyama before being subsequently destroyed by Yoshihiro Takayama ... Spent years in All Japan Pro Wrestling before the formation of NOAH, where he held the junior title on three occasions, and the tag team titles twice ... Has also held the GHC tag team titles twice, with Misawa as his partner ... Pet moves include the back suplex and the jawbreaker.

## 283 CHRIS CAGE

(5'11", 215, 5, NL) Former OVW champion was one of Ohio Valley's most promising competitors until he was abruptly fired for disciplinary reasons back in March ... Trained by Danny Davis and Nick "Eugene" Dinsmore ... Mixes high-flying offense with traditional wear-down holds, usually focusing on the neck ... Held the OVW tag title with Mike Mizanin at the time he was fired, forcing "The Miz" to defend the title on his own ... Primarily uses the neckbreaker as his finisher, but also has an impressive superkick.

## 284 MACHETE

(6'1", 260, 5, NL) Brought to TNA by Konnan, he was aligned with the Latin American Exchange ... This Puerto Rican brawler was initially broken into the business by well-known journeyman and WWE Hall of Famer Johnny Rodz ... Scouted by WWE in 2004, but a knee injury hampered his big league aspirations ... Formerly competed as Ricky Vega ... Debuted in TNA at the February pay-per-view Against All Odds ... Lost at Destination X, prompting Konnan and Homicide to boot him from LAX ... Trademark move is the bulldog.

## 285 JOHNNY PARISI

(6', 231, 13, 165) Formerly known as Johnny Swinger, Parisi broke into wrestling alongside Edge and Christian, training under Sweet Daddy Siki and Ron Hutchison in Toronto ... Found some success in TNA alongside partner Glenn Gilberti, and then signed a WWE developmental contract ... Spent a year in Deep South, then requested his release in June after being told WWE Creative had no plans for him ... Left Deep South after losing a match to Tommy

Suede and vowed never to return ... His "Swing Thing," a cobra clutch with a legsweep, is a thing of beauty.

## 286 RYOUJI SAI

(6'2", 231, 4, NL) Zero One Max wrestler teamed with Kohei Sato to win the NWA Intercontinental tag team titles ... Scored his biggest career win by pinning Masato Tanaka back in May 2006 ... Has taken some freelance bookings with New Japan Pro Wrestling of late ... Held the Hustle "Super Tag Team" titles with Wataru Sakata before being unseated by the team of Margaret and Aja "Erica" Kong ... Beat Naofumi Yamamoto in the New Japan Cup tournament but never made it to the finals ... Likes to use a double foot stomp off the top rope.

## 287 TANK TOLAND

(5'9", 225, 6, 114) Best known to WWE fans as James Dick of the short-lived Dicks tag team ... Tank is a former OVW heavyweight champion and, pound-for-pound, one of the strongest wrestlers in the sport ... Held the OVW Southern tag team title with Chris Cage on two occasions ... Trained in Larry Sharpe's famous Monster Factory before getting signed ... Very similar in style to Ivan Putski ... Uses a spinning version of Putski's "Polish Hammer" as his finisher where he delivers a crushing double axehandle blow to his opponent's chest.

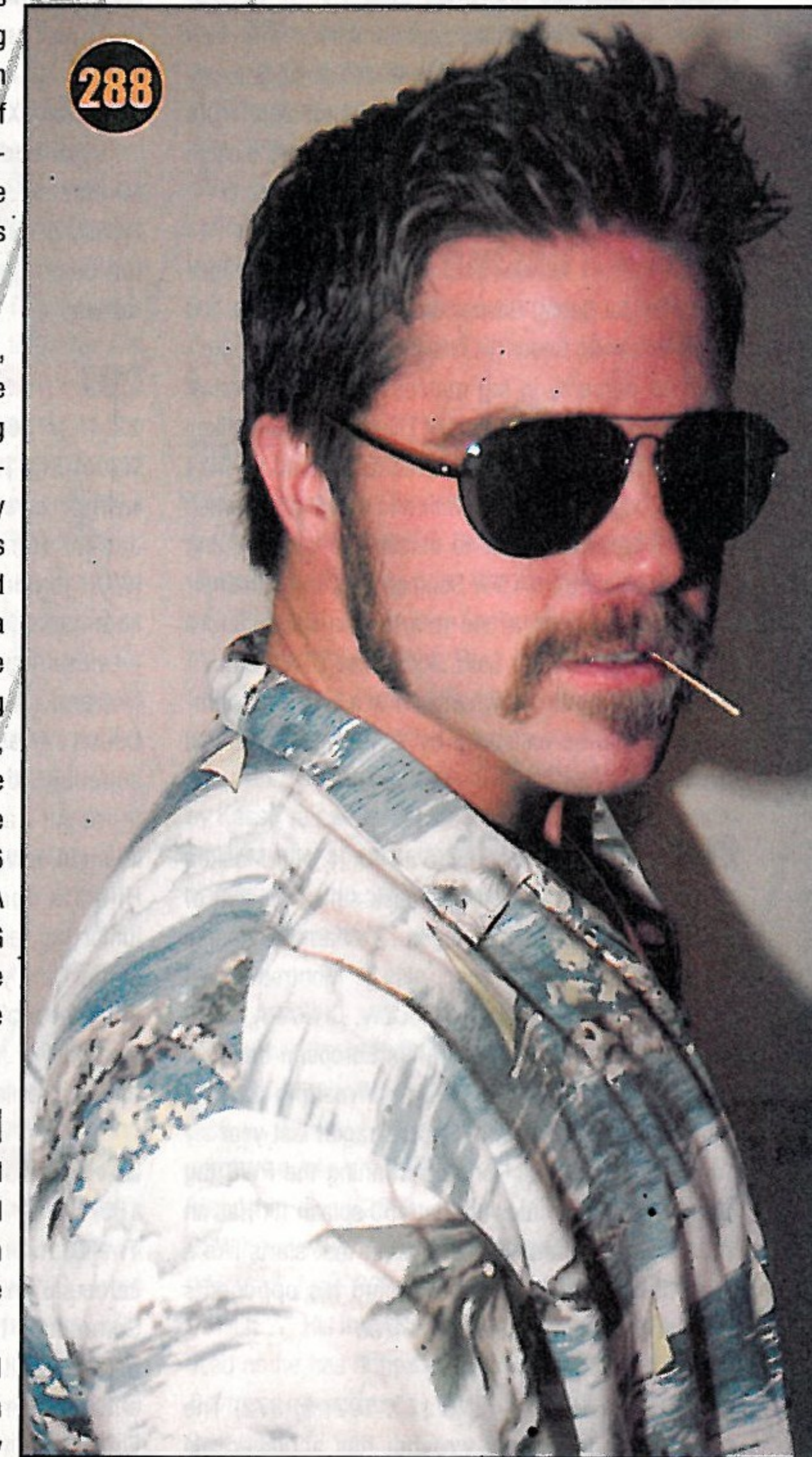
## 288 JOEY RYAN

(5'10", 210, 5, NL) Trained by Brian Kendrick ... One of the founders of Pro Wrestling Guerrilla and currently the longest-reigning PWG champion ... Originally known as "The Technical Wizard," his persona and ring attire have changed many times since his debut ... Had a Magnum P.I.-inspired look for the duration of his PWG title run, including floral pattern tights ... Has cheated, used foreign objects, or had outside interference in every one of his title defenses ... Competed in the 2006 Jeff Peterson Memorial Cup ... A member of The Dynasty stable in PWG ... Finishing move is "The Mustache Ride," a swinging neckbreaker off the middle rope.

## 289 MIKE QUACKENBUSH

(6', 191, 15, 242) Wrestler, author, and trainer had a health scare this year and took two months off to heal up from back surgery, costing him some momentum in this year's ranking ... Has traveled the world and captured over two dozen championships through his storied career ... Won the wXw

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German heavyweight belt in March 2006 ... Currently feuding with Chris Hero, Claudio Castagnoli, and their Kings of Wrestling in his home promotion, CHIKARA ... Has several tours of Mexico under his belt ... Won the fifth annual Best of the Best tournament hosted by Combat Zone Wrestling ... No one has kicked out of his cross-legged square driver called the "Quackendriver 2."

## 290 CHAD TOLAND

(5'9", 205, 5, 127) The former Chad Dick began competing in OVW and the Canadian Maritimes after leaving Smackdown ... Signed a WWE developmental deal and was assigned to OVW ... Upset Chris Cage to win the OVW heavyweight title ... Teamed with Tank Toland as The Blond Bombers before joining WWE as the Dicks tag team ... Had trouble adjusting to the WWE's grueling touring schedule ... After both Dicks lost to The Boogeyman in a handicap match, they were released from WWE.



**291 RUCKUS** (5'8", 229, 6, NL) Winner of the sixth annual Best of the Best tournament hosted by CZW ... A two-time CZW heavyweight champion, two-time CZW junior heavyweight champion, and CZW tag team champion ... Had standout matches in the past year opposite Christopher Daniels, Sonjay Dutt, and Claudio Castagnoli ... Leader of Black Out, which also includes Eddie Kingston and Sabian ... Has appeared in Canada and Germany in the past 12 months ... Dropped 75 pounds over the last year, which has improved his impressive aerial game ... Shooting star presses, 450 splashes, and Cancun tornadoes come effortlessly to this agile grappler.

**292 GREAT SASUKE** (5'8", 180, 16, 245) "Senator" Sasuke can now be found in the halls of the Japanese Diet as he flies around the rings of Michinoku Pro, the northeastern independent company he founded back in 1993 ... Sometimes pops up in Hustle as well, but his career seems to be winding down ... Held the Tohoku tag team titles with Dick Togo until April 2006, when they lost to Jinsei Shinzaki and GAINA ... Won the Tohoku junior title from Mexican legend Atlantis ... Favorite finishers include the royal octopus hold and the thunder fire bomb.

**293 SHAD GASPAR** (6'6", 270, 3, 309) Once known as Da Beast, Gaspar dropped the moniker and began wrestling under his real name in early-2006 ... Wrestled primarily in tag matches during the end of 2005, teaming with the likes of Elijah Burke and Mikey Mondo ... Always seemed poised to become an OVW title, although not able to until mid-2006 ... Teamed with The Neighborhoodie to defeat Kasey James and Roadkill, winning the OVW Southern tag team championship ... Enjoyed a two-month title reign before dropping the straps to Seth Skyfire and C.M. Punk ... A tremendously strong wrestler with a very short temper ... Could be called up by WWE within the next year.

**294 EL GENERICO** (6', 180, 4, NL) Masked Canadian freelancer wears a mask similar to that of legendary AAA wrestler Octagon ... Alternately teams and feuds with Kevin Steen, also of Montreal's IWS promotion ... Has appeared in CZW, CHIKARA, PWG, and IWA Mid-South ... Made his European debut in Germany with Westside Xtreme Wrestling ... Had some brutal matches with Super Dragon last year ... Teamed with Human Tornado, winning the PWG tag team belts ... Executes a great 450 splash ... Has an incredible super brainbuster finisher that starts like a superplex, ends with him bringing his opponents down onto the turnbuckles head-first.

**295 DELIRIOUS** (5'11", 192, 5, 372) The American independent wrestler has achieved his

greatest fame from his appearances with TNA ... A regular with several independent companies ranging from Ring of Honor to CHIKARA ... Has made several international tours, competing in Japan for Big Japan Wrestling, in Germany for wXw, and throughout Canada and the U.K. ... Sometimes teams with Hallowicked ... They made it to the semifinals of the Tag World Grand Prix in February 2006 ... Has a great flying clothesline that he uses to level much larger opponents ... His splash onto the back of unsuspecting opponents is called "Shadows Over Hell."

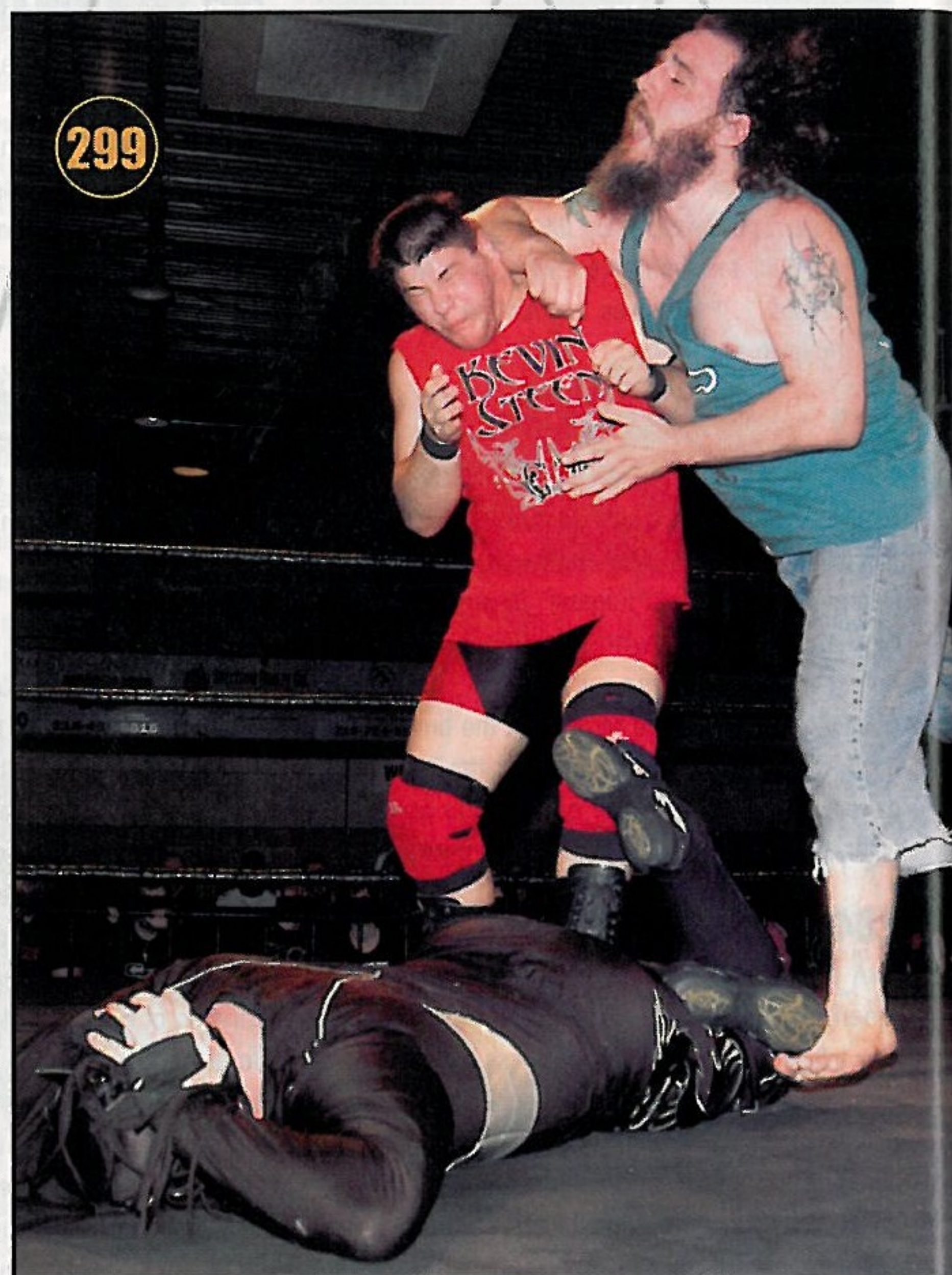
**296 MATT BENTLEY** (6', 221, 6, 59) The TNA regular all but vanished from television after March 2006 ... Managed by Traci Brooks when he competes on the joint TNA/UWF shows promoted by Hermie Sadler ... Gave up his previous moniker, Michael Shane, he prefers to be called "The Maverick" these days ... A former X division champion ... Teamed with Austin Aries to defeat Roderick Strong and Alex Shelley at Turning Point ... Lost to the much-larger Lance Hoyt at Destination X in March 2006 ... Trained by Shawn Michaels ... His "Picture Perfect Elbow" from the top turnbuckle is a nod to his mentor.

**297 AKIRA** (5'9", 216, 22, NL) The All Japan Pro Wrestling junior heavyweight is a former New Japan star, and former IWGP junior heavyweight champion ... Gave up his previous ring moniker, Akira Nogami, years ago ... Doesn't wrestle a full-time schedule, but appears on most All Japan tours ... Teamed up with young Ryuji Hijikata for All Japan's junior tag team tournament earlier this year ... Sometimes gets bit parts in Japanese movies and television shows ... Has a perfect dropkick ... Has great bridging suplexes, particularly his "Dragon Suplex."

**298 SIMON DIAMOND** (6'2", 225, 14, 185) Leader of the TNA undercard faction known as The Diamonds In The Rough, he oversees the careers of men like David Young and Elix Skipper ... Sometimes they compete as a trio, but have had mixed results thus far ... Had a hot streak in the autumn months of 2005, taking trios wins at Bound For Glory, and a month later at Genesis ... Has also

wrestled as Lance Diamond and Pat Kenney ... Calls his signature move the "Simonizer."

**299 NECRO BUTCHER** (6', 252, 8, NL) Wild hardcore wrestler has earned a huge cult following from ROH to CZW to IWA Mid-South ... Frequently tours with Big Japan Pro Wrestling in Asia ... Briefly masqueraded as C.P. Munk in CHIKARA ... Has held the CZW tag team and CZW UltraViolent titles ... Won the fourth annual Tournament of Death ... Had standout matches this past year with the likes of Samoa Joe and Yoshiaki Yago ... Embroiled in the ROH/CZW war, he typically teams with Chris Hero to take on Ring of Honor's finest ... Likes the "Tiger Driver" and the iron claw.



**300 EL ANGEL** (5'8", 180, 9, NL) The high-flying AAA *tecnico* is a new character, with an experienced luchador under the mask ... Has a picturesque plancha suicida from the top turnbuckle to the floor ... While typically decked out in all gold, he sometimes wears short, flexible wings into the ring ... Just completed for his first tour with Japanese promotion NOAH, where he didn't win many matches ... Has yet to break out of the mid-card mix in AAA, which is rich in aerialists and daredevils ... Learned his craft from Gran Apache ... Has a wide array of flying headscissors and dives he employs both in and out of the ring.

**301 JAKE GYMINI** (6'3", 276, 9, 207) One half of Smackdown's Gymini, he signed a developmental deal with WWE in January 2005 and was sent to Ohio Valley Wrestling ... Formerly known as Todd Shane, he and twin brother Mike (now Jesse) bounced between OVW and Deep South Wrestling prior to being called up to the main roster ... The Gymini twins were introduced as the bulked-up protégés of resident fitness guru Simon Dean ... Moved back down to Deep South to compete for the promotion's tag team title ... The twins finish off their opponents by utilizing either the "H-Bomb" (a double-team crucifix power bomb) or the "X-Trainer" (a tandem straightjacket neckbreaker).

**302 STERLING JAMES KEENAN** (6'1", 220, 6, 311) Up-and-coming freelancer is garnering larger acclaim on the American independent circuit ... Made his way to Europe this past year ... Teams with Abyss in 1PW ... In England, he's taken wins over D-Lo Brown, Sabu, and Chris Hamrick ... Was evaluated in May by Ohio Valley Wrestling; WWE is keeping a watchful eye on him ... Worked a dark match for Smackdown in April ... Squared off with John McChesney in Ring of Honor ... Also appeared in NWA Upstate and with IWA Mid-South ... His "MK Ultra" finishing maneuver is a sunset bomb.

**303 TONY KOZINA** (5'6", 177, 9, 206) "Tornado" Kozina, an Oregonian, relocated to North

Carolina to enhance his East Coast profile ... Has appeared in Ring of Honor, FIP, and the ECWA ... Made quick rivals out of Scorpio Sky and Austin Aries ... Has held a number of junior heavyweight titles throughout the Pacific Northwest and Canada ... Currently the NWA Virginia junior heavyweight champion ... Had incredible bouts with the likes of Matt Sydal and Brian Kendrick in the past year ... Participated in last year's Jeff Peterson Memorial Cup in Florida ... His "Tornado Death Twist" is a spinning facebuster.

**304 M-DOGG 20** (5'7", 181, 5, 200) One of the American independents most hair-raising high-flyers, his background in gymnastics aids him in creating some truly insane high-risk moves ... Has reigned as the UWA (Ontario, Canada) champion for over 18 months ... Has made successful defenses against Chris Hero, Sonjay Dutt, and Colt Cabana in the past year ... Also faced Ultimo Dragon in Canada this year ... Won the NWA Upstate tag title with regular partner Josh Prohibition in the finals of the Upstate 8 tournament ... A regular with groups like PWG, Jersey All Pro, and IWC ... His shooting star press is perfect.

**305 ARCH KINCAID** (6', 225, 7, 284) Deep South Wrestling developmental star is one of the most decorated and successful wrestlers ever to come out of New England's Chaotic Wrestling ... Held the light heavyweight, New England, tag, and heavyweight titles for CW throughout his career with the promotion ... Went toe-to-toe with hardcore specialist Steven Richards ... Teamed with Mike Kruel during his ECWA days ... Paired with Scotty Charisma to take on Paul London and Brian Kendrick during a taping of WWE's Internet program *Velocity* ... Claims to hold a "B.A. in Rhetoric from Pelican Crossing University" ... Ends his matches with his patented "Kincussion."

**306 MIYAWAKI** (5'10", 204, 7, NL) One of the top prospects to come out of TAKA Michinoku's Kaientai Dojo ... Also wrestles on the Japanese independents ... Frequent tag team partner of Yoshiaki Yago, who MIYAWAKI has helped mentor ... Made his U.S. debut back in February teaming with Yago for CHIKARA's Tag World Grand Prix ... Had an incredible match in the second round with

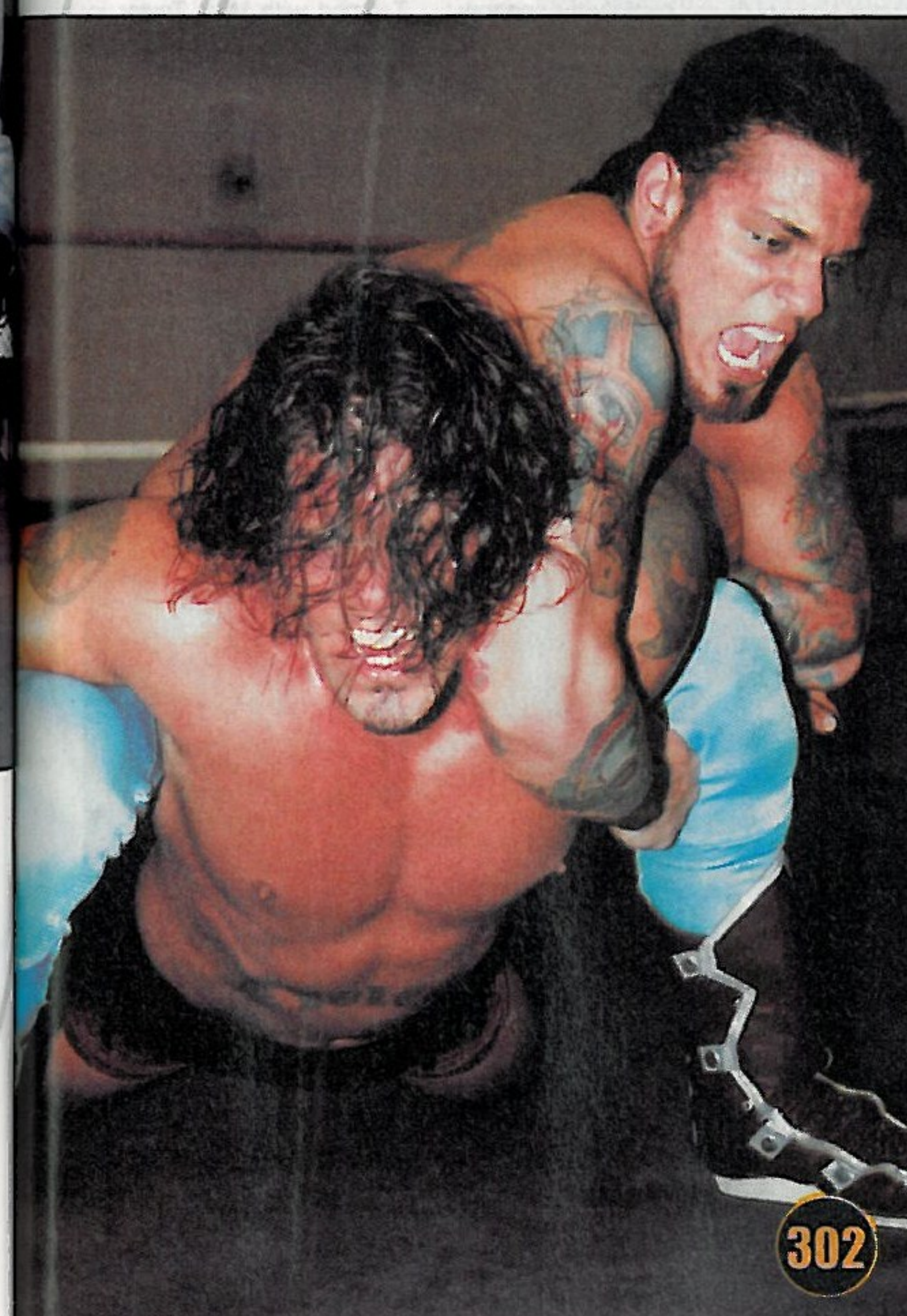
the DDT team of KUDO and MIKAMI ... Known for his dropkicks to the face ... Mixes a ground and submission game with his hard strikes ... Likes to put opponents away with his crossface submission or a British fall reverse DDT.

**307 ALEBRIJE** (6'1", 219, 10, 197) Beloved *tecnico* of AAA is a decided favorite with young fans ... Wears a colorful, winged costume based on Mexican mythology ... Not as active as he was just last year, due to nagging injuries ... "Mascot" Cuije is an identical, albeit miniature, version of Alebrije, but doesn't compete in the minis division ... Has lost his hair in the past but never his mask, thanks to bizarre AAA stipulation matches ... He and Cuije have been fighting the full-sized luchador Monsther and his tiny sidekick Chuky for years ... One of lucha libre's most overlooked performers, he's finally becoming a regular main event player.

**308 JESSE GYMINI** (6'3", 278, 9, 188) One half of Smackdown's Gymini, he and twin brother Jake were once the Shane Twins in the Florida independents before signing a developmental deal with WWE in January 2005 ... Bounced between OVW and Deep South Wrestling prior to being called up to the main WWE roster ... Simon Dean introduced and helped manage the Gymini in their initial Smackdown appearances ... Competed mostly on WWE's Internet program *Velocity* for the majority of 2006.

**309 KEVIN MATTHEWS** (6'5", 255, 6, NL) The big man from Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, is making a major impact in WWE's Deep South developmental territory ... Trained under Afa the Wild Samoan and got his start in Afa's wXw promotion, where he teamed with his brother, Greg ... Also competed for Dory Funk Jr.'s Funking Conservatory, where he won the tag team title with Canadian wrestler Gutter ... Gave up his old nickname "Too Cocky" ... Managed by Krissy Vaine ... Had a handful of WWE dark matches and has appeared on the internet version of *Velocity* ... Principal finisher is the "Ego Driver," a cradled snowplow.

**310 DERRICK NEIKIRK** (6'4", 245, 5, 367) The former Deep South heavyweight champion is also a former baseball player and 1996 Detroit Tigers draft pick ... Formed Team Elite with Mike Knox with whom he has maintained an on-again, off-again friendship since 2003 ... Beat Mike Mizanin for the DSW heavyweight title in December 2005 ... Held that title until June 2006, when he lost to Roughhouse O'Reilly ... His impressive physique hasn't gone unnoticed as he has appeared in *Muscle Mag* and *Muscle & Fitness* magazines ... Calls his signature move "The Round Trip."





**311 ANTONIO THOMAS** (6'1", 225, 5, 132) Departure from WWE has Thomas a freelancer again ... Made his way to the OVW developmental camp after earning his stripes in the New England independents ... He and partner Romeo Roselli eventually landed on *Raw* competing for WWE as The Heartthrobs ... The duo attempted to lure Lilian Garcia away from Viscera, but to no avail ... Handed a series of losses during his WWE stint by Gregory Helms and Rosey, usually thanks to the distraction of Stacy Keibler ... Released from WWE in February 2006, he returned to the independents, where and Roselli are now feuding ... Has an excellent STO takedown.

**312 SYLVAN GRENIER** (6'1", 245, 4, 94) The Montreal native departed *Raw* for Smackdown in late-2005 as part of a post-draft trade ... Underwent a self-imposed makeover, going simply by the name Sylvan, a narcissistic male model ... Three-time former WWE tag team champion ... Drew the number-10 slot at the 2006 Royal Rumble and was quickly eliminated by The Big Show and Kane ... Appeared on *Smackdown* as the "Ambassador Of Quebec" in vignettes touting the province's finer qualities ... Utilizes a brainbuster-like DDT he's titled "Three Seconds Of Fame" to finish off opponents.

**313 EDDIE COLON** (5'10", 220, 7, 204) Puerto Rican star was trained by his legendary father, Carlos Colon ... His brother is well-known to WWE fans as Carlito ... Has held the WWC Puerto Rican title and junior heavyweight title on five occasions each ... Has made few forays into the continental United States ... Long feuds with Damien Steele and Jose Rivera Jr. resulted in some bloodbaths ... Appeared on the World Wrestling Legends pay-per-view in March, where he was defeated by Vampiro ... Trademark submission hold is the classic figure-four leglock.

**314 TYSON DUX** (5'9", 192, 9, 201) Frequently appears in Border City Wrestling, which is where he came to the attention Scott D'Amore ... A three-time former BCW tag team champion ... Sometimes teams up with the likes of Gutter and El Tornado, two other crowd favorites ... Occasionally busts out some funky dance moves in mid-ring ... One of the trainers at the Can-Am Wrestling school in Windsor ... Competed in the 2005 Super 8 tournament, but was eliminated by J.J. Perez ... Trained under Joe E. Legend and Terry Taylor ... Pet move is the "Kryptonite Krunch."

**315 OCTAGON** (5'7", 189, 25, NL) "Idolo De Los Ninos" (Idol of the Children) gave up a promising career in law to chase his dream of being a luchador ... Mexican National tag team champion with AAA's version of La Parka ... Perennial rival is Pentagon and the array of Pentagon impostors that crop up all over

Mexico ... Sometimes tags with his miniature counterpart, Octagoncito ... Longstanding rivalry with Fuerza Guerrera dates back two decades ... A little heavier than when he was in his prime, but every bit as quick ... Blends martial arts and lucha libre ... Signature hold is a side Russian leg sweep turned octopus hold.

**316 CODY HAWK** (6'2", 220, 9, 246) Heartland Wrestling Association mainstay has held the HWA heavyweight title on four separate occasions ... Most recently won the belt from Matt Stryker back in September 2005 ... Relinquished the title due to a performance-enhancing drug scandal that was all set up by jealous rival Jon Moxley ... Got his revenge on Moxley in a steel cage match in March of this year at HWA's CyberClash online pay-per-view ... Feuded with Abyss over the BPW heavyweight title ... Has faced the likes of Jeff Jarrett and Rory Fox over the past year ... His trademark move is called the "Riptide."

**317 HALLOWICKED** (6'1", 192, 4, 374) Masked *rudo* changed his colors this year and now forms the *tecnico* team Incoherence with Delirious in CHIKARA ... Made it to the semis of the 2006 Tag World Grand Prix ... Feuding with former partner UltraMantis Black; the two were known for years as The Dark Breed ... In the past year, has wrestled in Mexico, Canada, and Europe ... Wrestles up and down the East Coast, appearing with CZW, IWA Mid-South, and PWE ... A former PWE tag team champion with Mike Quackenbush ... Signature maneuver is the step-up "Frankensteiner."

**318 TORU OWASHI** (5'9", 248, 5, NL) The heavyweight star from Ultimo Dragon's T2P group is

now a free agent ... Was part of the short-lived Dragon Door promotion ... Ring-style and gear is reminiscent of Genichiro Tenryu ... Had his biggest career match against Toshiaki Kawada in February 2006 at Korakuen Hall ... Trained under Skyde and Negro Navarro, he honed his craft on the Mexican independent scene before returning to his native Japan ... Appears with El Dorado and other small Japanese promotions ... Picks up his opponents into a chokeslam, and runs from one side of the ring to the other before planting them in the mat.

**319 JIMMY RAVE** (5'11", 186, 6, 140) Ring of Honor star started out in the Florida independents before becoming the "Crown Jewel" of Prince Nana's Embassy ... His ring entrances consist of admonishing fans and ducking flying rolls of toilet paper ... Formed a team with Alex Shelley and also feuded with the unlikely duo of Jimmy Yang and Bruce Leroy for a few months in ROH ... Wrestles for Pro Wrestling Anarchy in Georgia and also recently toured Japan for Dragon Gate ... After losing a match to A.J. Styles, Rave no longer makes use of his "Rave Clash" ... His new finisher, "Greetings From Ghana," is a "Pedigree."

**320 TONY SANTARELLI** (6'1", 200, 5, NL) This WWE developmental talent, stationed in Deep South Wrestling, is a graduate of Shawn Michaels' Wrestling Academy ... Teamed with Mike Taylor in DSW ... The duo was known as High Impact and became an immediate player on the DSW tag team scene ... Main competition came in the form of Team Elite ... High Impact won the DSW Southern tag team title in May 2006, defeating The Gymini in the finals of the championship tournament.



**321 MILANITO COLLECTION A.T.** (5'4", 149, 3, NL) This miniature version of Milano Collection A.T. is one of the the Toryumon's top prospects ... Only wrestles full-sized opponents ... Has wrestled all over Japan, Mexico, Europe, and the U.S. ... Trained by Skyde and Negro Navarro ... Briefly competed for the short-lived Dragon Door; promotion, he's a regular in Michinoku Pro ... Has bleach blond hair and an invisible dog ... Has wrestled domestically for CZW, IWA Mid-South, and CHIKARA ... Calls his pet submission hold the "Navidad Blanco," meaning "White Christmas."

**322 SIMON DEAN** (5'10", 215, 12, 88) Once upon a time he was "Nova" in ECW, but now he's a star with the WWE's Smackdown brand ... A would-be fitness guru, he's certainly in the best shape of his career ... Bounced around between the main roster and WWE's developmental territories in Deep South and Ohio Valley ... Current claim to fame is introducing The Gymini tag team ... Once thought of as an innovator of new offense, Dean now sticks to simple moves, many from amateur wrestling ... Likes to use his pet air raid crash variation, known as the "Kryptonite Krunch," to finish off his opponents.

**323 MIKE TAYLOR** (5'10", 220, 2, 252) A former United States Marine, Taylor fulfilled a lifelong dream of becoming a professional wrestler when he debuted with WWE developmental territory Deep South Wrestling in September 2005 ... Paired with Tony Santarelli almost immediately after starting with DSW, the duo is called High Impact ... Immediately started a rivalry with Deep South's Team Elite ... High Impact won the DSW Southern tag team titles over The Gymini twins in the finals of the championship tournament ... Warded off challenges from The Pitbulls as well as from old nemeses Team Elite ... The duo remains one of the hottest teams in WWE's developmental territories.

**324 SCOTT LOST** (5'9", 195, 5, NL) Mainstay with Southern California's Pro Wrestling Guerilla group garnered some international acclaim this year ... Appeared in the 10th annual Super 8, losing to fellow PWG grappler Davey Richards in what most considered the tournament's best match ... Has competed in Europe and Mexico as well as all over the United States ... Trained by Tom Howard and Samoa Joe ... Sometimes teams with Chris Bosh ... Favorite submission hold is the sharpshooter ... Had a long feud with Scorpio Sky on the West Coast ... Native of San Diego

is a former BPW heavyweight champion ... Calls his trademark finishing move the "Bat-Breaker."

**325 INTOCABLE** (5'11", 191, 7, NL) This dancing *tecnico* of AAA shares his name with a popular Mexican music act ... Wrestled under the name Randy early in his career ... Had a real scare when a dropkick between the shoulder blades broke his neck last year and it was feared he would never walk again ... Quickly bounced back from the injury, and is already back wrestling ... Teams up with Octagon against Konnan and Chessman in AAA main events ... Female fans go wild for this handsome luchador ... Likes the 360-degree Mexican style backbreaker, or *quebradora*.



**326 SHINJITSU NOHASHI** (5'7", 166, 5, NL) Protégé of Ultimo Dragon, Skyde and now Jinsei Shinzaki is a regular with Michinoku Pro ... Splits his time between the Japanese and Mexican independents ... His lone U.S. appearance in the past year was teaming with Amigo Suzuki for CHIKARA's Tag World Grand Prix tournament in February ... Inventor of a high-speed crucifix pinning combination, which has become popular in various parts of the world ... Sometimes called "Mini Hakushi," he previously used the name Koichiro Arai ... Has a great headbutt, and, like Shinzaki, favors the praying power bomb finisher.

**327 MARK BRISCOE** (6', 185, 6, NL) One-half of the Briscoe Brothers tag team that is best known for appearing in Ring of Honor ... The younger of the two brothers ... Returned to the independent scene after a short hiatus much larger than before he left, showing tremendous dedication to the gym ... He and brother Jay take a "back to basics" approach to tag team wrestling and have really fine-tuned many aspects in their overall game since returning ... A new move in his arsenal is an awesome slingshot double stomp to the stomach.

**328 CHRIS BOSH** (5'11", 195, 3, NL) Bosh is a Pro Wrestling Guerrilla rookie who models his offense after the mechanics of Jean Claude Van Damme films ... Nicknamed "Photogenic" because of his aspirations as a male model, he gave up that dream to pursue pro wrestling full-time ... Captured the PWG tag team championship with Quicksilver in 2004 ... Went on to capture the PWG tag team titles a second time, this time with Scott Lost; the two are collectively known as Arrogance ... After losing the titles, he gained popularity as a singles wrestler, winning the 2005 Battle of Los Angeles tournament ... Signature move is "Maximum Bosh" (a clothesline into a backbreaker).

**329 SHANE STORM** (5'9", 229, 2, NL) CHIKARA's unionized traffic regulator wears his hard hat and orange safety vest to the ring ... Won the third annual Young Lions Cup, and retained it all year, vacating just before the fourth annual tournament began ... Won the mask of Gran Akuma in a "lucha de apuesta" in November of 2005 ... Often teams with mentor Mike Quackenbush and Jigsaw against the likes of Chris Hero, Icarus, and Claudio Castagnoli ... Wrestles all over the U.S. and Canada ... Likes to finish off his opponents with a "Shining Wizard," which he refers to simply as "That Japanese Move."

**330 JAY BRISCOE** (6', 205, 6, NL) Ring of Honor tag team specialist is the older of the two Briscoe Brothers ... He and brother Mark resurfaced on the American independent circuit after a hiatus ... The high impact wrestler can hit the mat when need be ... As an explosive youngster who hits hard, he has a vast array of punishing moves he can dish out such as the lariat and snap "Frankensteiner" ... This year, debuted a press-slam into a "Death Valley Driver" variation that is devastating ... Recently picked a fight with NOAH star KENTA ... Pet move is the "J-Driller" head drop.



**331 ALAN STONE** (5'9", 194, 9, NL) AAA *rudo* is the brother of Super Calo and Chris Stone ... Spent years with CMLL and then jumped to AAA last year ... Now sides with Shocker in Los Guapos VIP, along with Scorpio Jr. ... Teamed up with Charly Manson to challenge Octagon and the AAA La Parka for the Mexican National tag team titles, but were unsuccessful ... Second generation wrestler is the son of Bello Greco ... Has an array of springboard moves at his disposal, including a springboard frog splash.

**332 JOHNNY DEVINE** (5'10", 222, 9, NL) Returned to TNA full-time just as his former running mates in Team Canada were about to go their separate ways ... The former "Hotshot" would be just fine, joining forces with Alex Shelley and his Paparazzi Productions contingent ... Spent much of the last 12 months rehabbing and making various indy appearances after being stabbed in late-2004 ... Returned to TNA in April 2006 ... Has become Shelley's most trusted cameraman ... Wrestles primarily in tag team matches, but still utilizes the "Devine Intervention" moonsault as his finisher when going solo.

**333 LASH LeROUX** (5'10", 246, 8, 359) Signed a developmental contract with WWE in late-2005 and was assigned to Deep South Wrestling ... Partnered briefly with "Silverback" Ryan Reeves as well as Ray Gordy before flying solo ... Made numerous independent appearances with promotions such as Pro Championship Wrestling, NWA Wrestle-Birmingham, and Southern Championship Wrestling ... When not competing in the ring, LeRoux is known for his artwork, which can be seen regularly in *The Wrestler/Inside Wrestling* ... Finishes off his opponents with a fireman's carry into a "Michinoku Driver" that he has aptly titled the "Whiplash."

**334 EXCALIBUR** (6'2", 189, 6, NL) Pro Wrestling Guerrilla mainstay is known more for his eloquence on the microphone than his ability to win matches ... Would often team with Super Dragon and Disco Machine as SBS and held the PWG tag team championship with Super Dragon ... Turned against Super Dragon and formed an updated SBS with Disco Machine and Kevin Steen ... Gained fame in CZW along with Beef Wellington ... Commentates on many matches, even his own, for PWG DVDs ... Signature maneuvers include "Tiger Driver '98" (double underhook piledriver) and the heart punch.

**335 RYAN REEVES** (6'2", 275, 1, NL) "The Silverback," of WWE's OVW developmental territory, is one of the most jacked competitors this side of Chris Masters ... Was a contestant on *Tough Enough 4* ... Though he didn't win that competition, impressed WWE talent scouts enough to earn a developmental

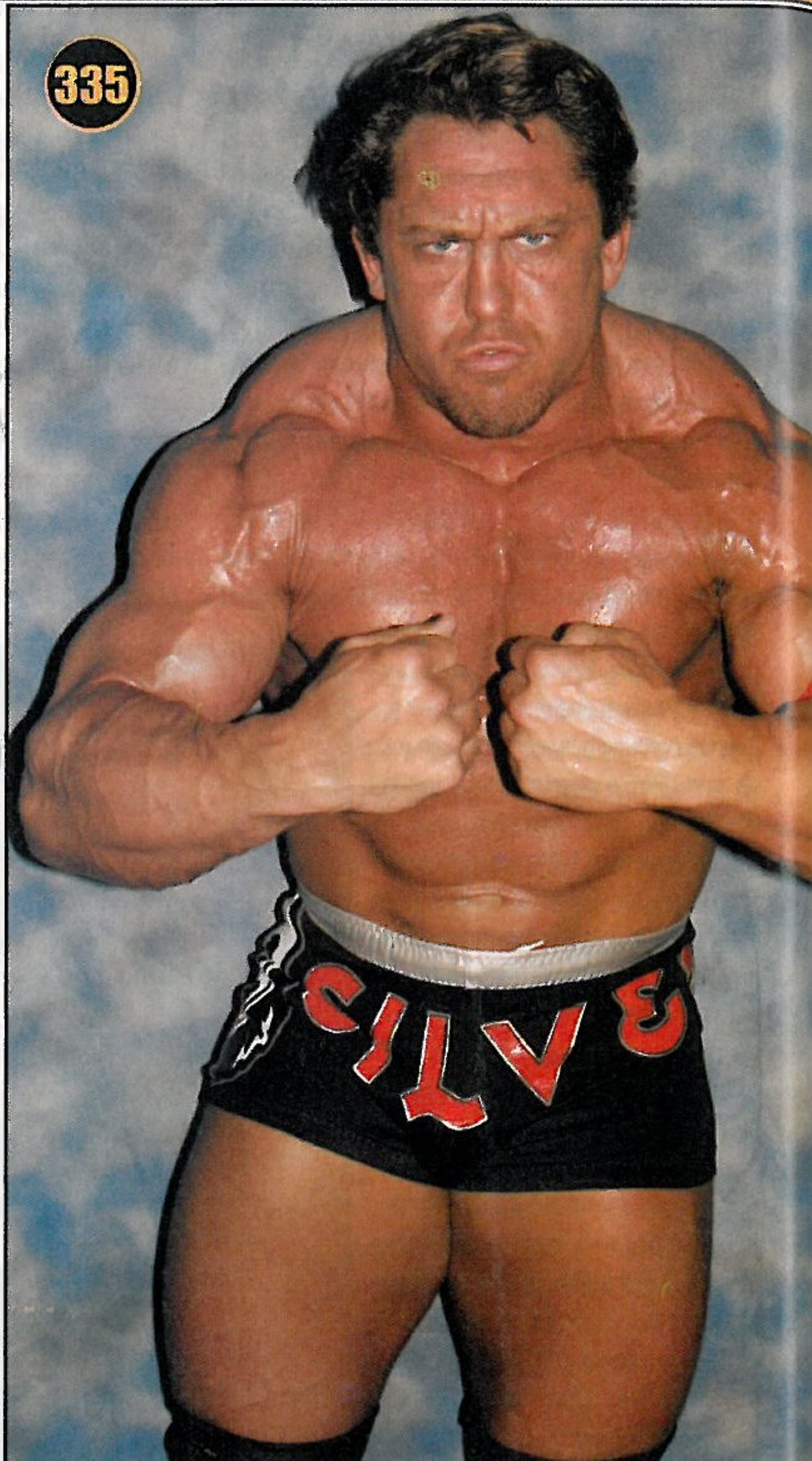
contract ... Spent several months in Deep South Wrestling before being transferred to OVW in March 2006 ... Has mostly been concentrating on tag team wrestling thus far and has teamed with Lash LeRoux, Mike Mizanin, Nick Mitchell, Roadkill, and Mikey Batts.

**336 LARRY SWEENEY** (5'9", 190, 2, NL) The man who calls himself "Sweet & Sour" won the second annual CHIKARA Young Lions Cup and rocketed up the independent ranks ... A 16-time winner of the ICWICWA Tex-Arkana TV title, he's found himself warring with the likes of Milano Collection A.T. and Colt Cabana over the belt ... Flamboyant character is always decked out in bright pink and purple, with a feathery robe covered in sequins ... Has wrestled all over the U.S., as well as in India, Mexico, and Canada in his relatively short career ... Signature move is the flying elbowdrop from the top rope.

**337 FUERZA GUERRERA** (5'7", 182, 28, NL) AAA *rudo* left CMLL to renew his decades-old rivalry with Octagon this year ... Father of cruiserweight star Juventud Guerrera, the two even teamed up in AAA and then CMLL a few years back ... Famed for his brute strength, his name literally translates to "Force Warrior" ... A former trios champion with fellow legends Blue Panther and Dr. Wagner Jr. ... Still has his famed "mosquito" mask after all these years ... Best known for his lightning-quick low blows that referees often miss.

**338 SUWA** (5'8", 209, 9, NL) Formerly known as "Judo Suwa," this All Japan Pro Wrestling star was part of the first class to graduate from Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon group ... Earned his first measure of fame teaming with CIMA and Don Fuji as "Crazy Max" ... Went freelance a couple of years ago before landing in All Japan ... Handpicked Ricky Marvin as his partner to pursue the GHC junior tag titles, but hasn't won any NOAH gold yet ... Sometimes teams with Tomoaki Honma ... Calls his version of the "Pedigree" the "FFF."

**339 DICE DOMINO** (6'3", 245, 8, NL) WWE developmental wrestler is stationed in Ohio Valley Wrestling ... Formerly known as Cliff Compton, Domino makes up The Throwbacks with partner



Deuce Shade and valet Cherry Pie ... The loudmouth tough-guy of the tandem ... Originally trained by Larry Sharpe ... Held the OVW Southern tag team championship in March after Shade defeated Mike Mizanin in a singles match with the straps on the line ... Made multiple appearances with Shade under the team name The Untouchables ... Used only sparingly during his brief stints with the main WWE Raw roster ... Finishing move is known as "The Cliffhanger."

**340 B-BY** (5'10", 200, 7, 210) West Coast sensation is also a regular in many East Coast independent promotions ... Won the fourth annual Best of the Best tournament hosted by CZW in Philadelphia back in 2004 ... Also a former CZW Iron Man champion, he lost it to Franky the Mobster ... Now forms a trio with Adam Flash and Sonjay Dutt ... Cut his teeth in the now-defunct California independent Revolution Pro ... His career-long rivalry with Super Dragon began there, and spread everywhere they went ... Has wrestled in Germany and the Philippines ... Has a devastating face-wash style dropkick ... Finishes off opponents with his "Shining Wizard."

**341 FERGAL DEVITT** (5'11", 215, 4, NL) Irish wrestler made his way to the United States last year and ended up—of all places—in New Japan Pro Wrestling ... Made a splash on the East Coast independent scene before moving west to Los Angeles and training in the Inoki Dojo, where he was noticed by New Japan talent agents ... Formerly known as Prince Devitt, he's the new Pegasus Kid in Japan these days, assuming the mantle once worn by Chris Benoit ... Feuding off and on with the likes of Eddie Edwards and John Walters ... Has a clean, throwback mat style reminiscent of Europe's technical wizards.

**342 KEVIN STEEN** (5'10", 227, 7, NL) Quebec-native calls himself "Mr. Wrestling" ... Breakout star of the Montreal-based IWS promotion has seen action all over North America, Europe, and Japan in the past year ... Has taken wins over Samoa Joe, A.J. Styles, Petey Williams, and Christopher Daniels in the past 12 months ... Won the CZW Iron Man title in August 2005, and has held on to it ever since ... Lost in his bid to take the UWA title from M-Dogg 20 in March 2006 ... Went to the finals of the Ted Petty Invitational against Matt Sydal in September 2005, and then won the Elite 8 tournament hosted by EWR ... The package piledriver is his favorite maneuver.

**343 SHANNON MOORE** (5'8", 175, 11, 139) WWE Smackdown star is back with the company after a short stint in TNA ... Released as part of WWE's wave of talent cuts in July 2005, Moore landed in TNA by the end of the summer and competed in the X division ... Jumped back to WWE in March 2006 and was assigned to the re-launched ECW brand in mid-summer ... The former disciple of Matt Hardy has changed personas on numerous occasions, with his latest angle being "The Reject" ... His fantastic finishing move—a corkscrew senton on a standing opponent—is called "The Halo."

**344 HUMAN TORNADO** (6'3", 171, 3, 291) Pro Wrestling Guerrilla star made his cinematic debut as "El Snowflake" in the Jack Black comedy *Nacho Libre* ... Borrows heavily from 1970s Blaxploitation films in the ring, including using an afro pick, dancing, and delivering the dreaded pimp slap ... Became PWG tag team champion with partner El Generico in 2005 ... Due to a medical miracle, is unaffected by shots to the groin ... Competed in the 2006 Jeff Peterson Memorial Cup ... Favorite moves include the Shoryuken (a leaping uppercut) and the "Tornado DDT" ... Finishes his matches with a leg and shoulder capture suplex.

**345 ZUMBIDO** (5'7", 198, 12, NL) Former CMLL star jumped to rival AAA about a year ago ... His high-flying and technical skills constantly went overlooked in the talent-rich CMLL ... Brief rivalry with mini-luchador Mascarita Sagrada was lopsided, to say the least ... Part of Los Guapos VIP with Shocker and Scorpio Jr. ... Feuding with Juventud Guerrera's stable of Mexican Power, he's seen matches with the AAA

Psicosis and Crazy Boy this year ... Lost the Mexican middleweight title to Octagon in June 2006 ... Lost his hair in a cage match where he was the last to escape ... Executes a picture-perfect moonsault press.

**346 JULIO DINERO** (6'2", 235, 12, 187) East Coast independent wrestler works primarily out of Maryland Championship Wrestling ... Defeated Mo Sexton in a "Loser-Leaves-Town" match for NWA Shockwave at the end of 2005 ... Began competing with the re-launched MCW in early-2006 ... Defeated local favorite Bruiser, as well as Danny Doring and Genesis on his way to winning the MCW heavyweight championship tournament ... As gifted on the mike as he is in the ring ... Finishes off opponents with a move he's christened the "Jalepeño Popper."

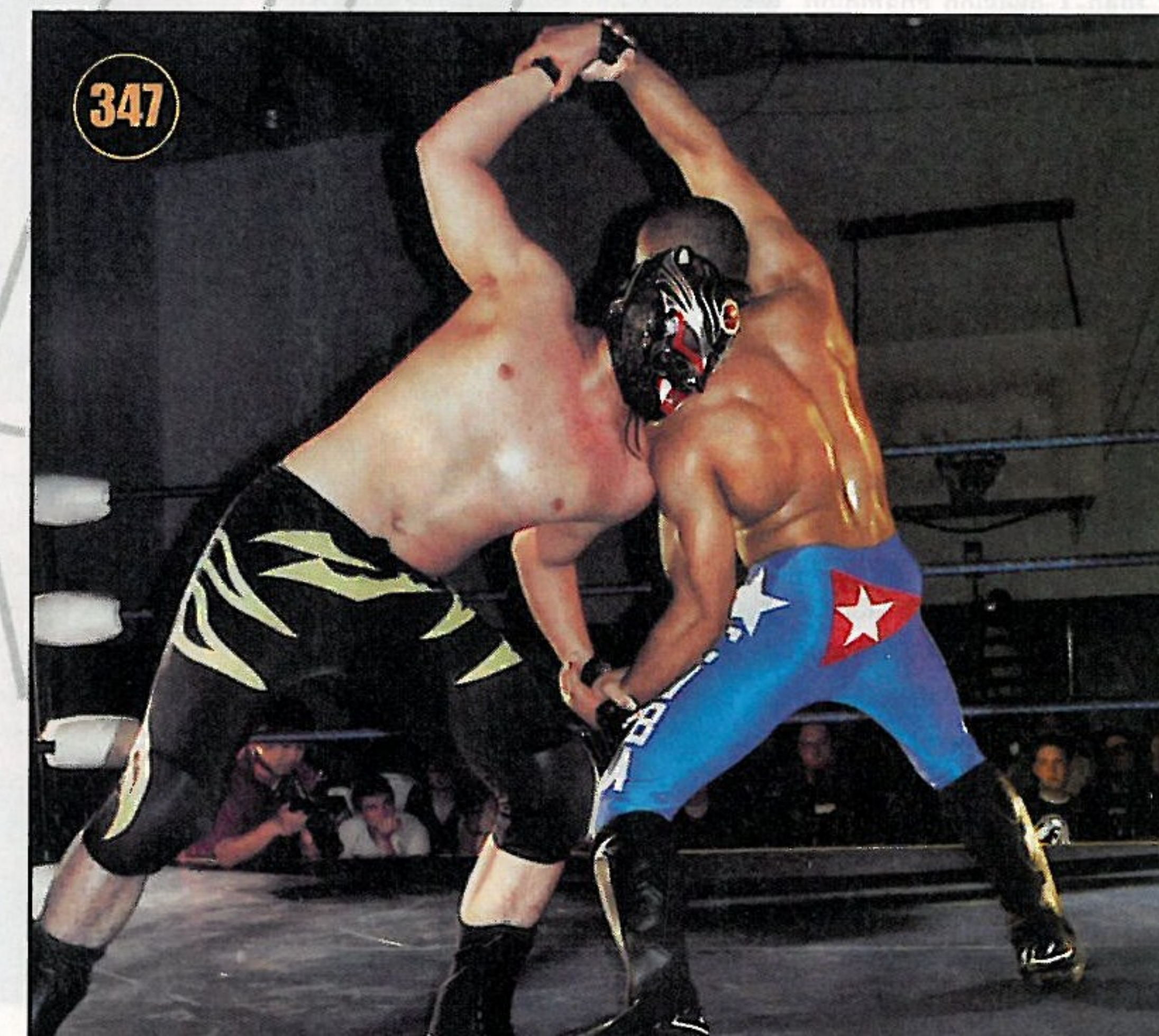
**347 PUMA** (5'9", 180, 6, 179) Independent wrestler pops up everywhere from New Japan Pro Wrestling to Ring of Honor these days ... Competed in TNA's World X Cup as a representative of Mexico, even though he's an American under contract to New Japan ... Has trained in the New Japan dojo for most of the past year, and has experience in CMLL as well ... Former UIWA light heavyweight and APW Internet champion ... Lost in the finals of the 2005 Super 8 tournament to Petey Williams ... Like his hero, Tiger Mask I, he favors the "Tiger Suplex" as a finishing move.

**348 PRINCE NANA** (5'11", 235, 10, 265) Leader of "The Embassy" in Ring of Honor did more managing this year than wrestling ... Native of West Ghana wears traditional African garb and headdresses to the ring ... Pops up in the Florida-based FIP promotion as well, thanks to their affiliation with ROH ... Always asking "How do you like the shrimp cocktail,

huh?" ... Appears to be regrouping the Embassy around Jimmy Rave as its main charge ... Best known for his tremendous interviews ... Has a terrific butterfly suplex.

**349 RAY GORDY** (5'11", 218, 5, 293) WWE developmental star stationed in Deep South Wrestling is the son of the legendary Terry Gordy ... Has one of the most devastating German suplexes in wrestling ... A former NAWA (Georgia) heavyweight champion, NWA-Georgia junior heavyweight champion, and NWA-Georgia/Wildside heavyweight champion ... Made his WWE television debut in December 2005 in a one-sided loss to The Boogeyman ... Nicknamed "The Pearl Of The Enterprise" ... Has also made a handful of appearances in ROH and TNA ... Frequently teams with Damien Steel as Ebony and Ivory ... Uses the swinging fisherman suplex and "Asiatic Driver" to round out his arsenal.

**350 JIGSAW** (6'1", 172, 3, 389) CHIKARA's wrestling riddle has become one of the promotion's most popular *tecnicos* ... The third man to ever hold the Young Lions Cup ... This aerialist's black and red puzzle-piece mask makes him easy to spot ... Usually teams with his mentor, Mike Quackenbush, against Chris Hero's Kings of Wrestling ... Bitter feud with Icarus has dominated his schedule ... Has wrestled in Canada, Europe, and Mexico over the course of his career ... Made a good showing at this year's Best of the Best tournament held by CZW ... Has earned a solid cult following everywhere he goes ... His skull-crushing finisher is called "Jig 'n' Tonic."





**351 MR. MEXICO** (5'9", 194, 19, NL) CMLL *rudo* bears a passing resemblance to Queen singer Freddie Mercury ... Has a thick, muscular upper body, and overpowers most opponents with ease ... Lost his hair to Carlo Roggi in July 2005 ... Once posed as a bogus Mr. Niebla, he ended up losing that mask to the genuine article ... Seems to lose his hair to a different *tecnico* on an almost annual basis ... Native of Puebla is a former IWRG Intercontinental champion ... Likes to force opponents to submit the to the "Scorpion Deathlock," or one of the several variations of the move.

**352 SHUJI KONDO** (5'10", 211, 6, NL) All Japan's reigning junior heavyweight champion started his career under the T2P banner ... Trained under Skayde at Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon school in Mexico, he is a submission expert just like his teacher ... Won the AJPW junior heavyweight title from TAKA Michinoku in October 2005 and no one has been able to take it from him yet ... Throws a leaping lariat that fans call the "King Kong Lariat" ... Often teams with fellow Toryumon alum Taru and Yasshi ... His "Kondo Clutch" is like a standing Texas cloverleaf that bends opponents in half.

**353 CASSIDY RILEY** (5'11", 205, 7, NL) Undercard player in the TNA mix came up through the southeastern independents ... His singles match with Jerrelle Clark at TNA's Unbreakable ended prematurely due to a rampaging Monty Brown ... Had a non-title bout against then-X division champion Samoa Joe in January 2006, but didn't fare well ... Came out on the winning end of a trios match at Against All Odds, teaming with Shark Boy and Lance Hoyt against Shannon Moore, Elix Skipper, and David Young ... Was beaten by Moore a month later at Destination X ... Favorite finisher is the superkick.

**354 BRADLEY JAY** (6'4", 248, 5, 297) This star of the WWE's Deep South developmental camp was once known as Brad Bradley ... Jumped from IWA Mid-South to Deep South after signing a WWE developmental contract in December 2005 ... Trained at the Steel Dominion Wrestling school under Ace Steel and Danny Dominion ... Appeared on *Heat* as Bradley James, teaming with Colt Cabana in a loss to Goldust and Snitsky in April 2006 ... Has also competed for TNA, ROH, and New Japan Pro Wrestling ... Held the

IWA Mid-South tag title with Ryan Boz ... A rugged competitor in the mold of Stan Hansen, but with more technical prowess ... Master of the lariat.

**355 TIGRE BLANCO** (5'8", 187, 11, NL) CMLL *tecnico* is the second man to take the mantle of the "White Tiger" ... Strings together armdrags and headscissors with incredible accuracy ... Started his career under the name Kid Guzman ... Forms an off-again, on-again tag team called Los Tigres del Ring with Tigre Metalico, one of several other feline-themed CMLL *tecnicos* ... Talented young star often gets overlooked in the deep talent pool of CMLL ... Likes to finish off opponents with an upside-down figure-four leglock, which essentially works like a knee-bar submission.

**356 KATSUSHI TAKEMURA** (5'11", 223, 9, NL) Former New Japan Pro Wrestling star spent most of the last two years wrestling full-time in Mexico as a *rudo* on the CMLL roster ... Turned down a New Japan contract in January and went freelance ... Spent time in Tampa training with mat masters Osamu Nishimura and Dory Funk Jr. ... Muscular heavyweight has a great powerslam in his repertoire ... Made his U.S. debut teaming with Nishimura in CHIKARA's Tag World Grand Prix, going to the quarter-finals before being eliminated by Milano Collection A.T. and Skayde ... Has seen action in All Japan and Zero One Max ... Known for his array of suplexes.



**357 ICARUS** (5'10", 174, 4, 446) One of the most despised *rudos* in CHIKARA, he joined Chris Hero's Kings of Wrestling stable last year and has been on a hot streak ever since ... Ended the careers of both Mister ZERO and Jolly Roger ... Long, bitter feud with Jigsaw has been the focus of his attention ... He and partner Gran Akuma form F.I.S.T. ... Has wrestled all over the United States, in Canada, and in Mexico ... Loves to use the "Pedigree," sometimes from the ring apron to the floor ... One of the very first graduates from Chikara Wrestle Factory ... His "Melting Wings" submission hold often leaves opponents unconscious.

**358 MAC DADDY JOHNSON** (6'1", 200, 4, 255) Career is in question since he quit the WWE developmental system due to health problems ... Announced his retirement in April 2006 on a Down South Championship Wrestling card and was promptly attacked by the Angel of SIN, which leaves the door open for a comeback ... A two-time OVW Southern tag team champion with Seth Skyfire ... Moved from OVW to Deep South before leaving the WWE developmental system ... Earned considerable praise for a memorable match against Kid Kash in September 2005 ... Adopted the "Mac Attack" fisherman suplex as a tribute to Curt Hennig's "Perfectplex."

**359 EMIL SITOCI** (6'1", 183, 5, NL) Charismatic native of Ede, Holland, is nicknamed "Tremendous" ... One of continental Europe's most popular attractions ... Originally wrestled under a mask as Luchador Sitoci ... Has wrestled all over Europe from Belgium to Norway and has toured Africa and the United States ... Former FCW (Netherlands) lightweight champion and the current wXw (Germany) lightweight champion ... Well-known for his chiseled abdominal muscles and movie-star looks ... Formed the tag team Perfect Strangers with Trik Davis during his stays in the U.S. ... His finisher is called the snapmare driver, which is a combination "Ace Crusher" and brainbuster that knocks opponents out cold.

**360 TONY RIVERA** (5'9", 199, 12, NL) CMLL *tecnico* is a solid mid-card mainstay ... Started under the guise of El Renegado ... Has some spectacular topes and planchas that he executes from the top rope springboard position ... Has a long and storied rivalry with Zumbido ... The native of Tijuana garnered his greatest fame in Mexico City ... Wrestles all over the country when not preoccupied with his CMLL com-

**361 NAOFUMI YAMAMOTO** (6'1", 225, 4, NL) New Japan heavyweight came into the sport loaded with amateur boxing and grappling credentials from his days at Kokushikan University ... Scored his biggest career win by pinning Riki Choshu this year ... Teamed with Yuji Nagata for a title match against IWGP tag champs Hiro Yoshi Tenzan and Masa Chono that showcased how far this youngster has come ... Ousted early from the New Japan Cup by Zero One Max wrestler Ryouji Sai ... Sometimes trains in Los Angeles at the Inoki Dojo ... Has a great royal octopus hold and a perfect back suplex.



**362 GRAN AKUMA** (5'10", 199, 3, 395) Former CHIKARA *tecnico* went *rudo* this past year, joining up with Chris Hero's Kings of Wrestling ... He and Icarus have been the team known as F.I.S.T. since 2003 ... Lost his mask in November of 2005 to Shane Storm at the former ECW Arena ... Well-traveled grappler has wrestled in Canada, Mexico, and Germany, as well as across the United States ... Known for his lucha-influenced wrestling and powerful kicks ... Made it to the semifinals of the 2006 Tag World Grand Prix before losing to Milano Collection A.T. and Skayde ... Likes to use the Yoshi Tonic high speed pinning combination ...

Recently added a wild 450 splash to his repertoire.

**363 TIGRE METALICO** (5'8", 194, 4, NL) High-flying *tecnico*'s had what was believed to be a career-ending injury last year when he hit the floor attempting an "Asai Moonsault," and split his head wide open ... Was feared to be paralyzed, but returned to the ring in just four months ... Took a big singles win in a mask vs. mask bout against Mr. Estruendo in September 2005 in Mexico City ... Often teams with Tigre Blanco as Los Tigres del Ring for tag team matches ... Famed for his varied moonsault and senton variations.

**364 SCORPIO SKY** (5'10", 183, 4, NL) High-flyer from California's Pro Wrestling Guerrilla started his career as a tag team wrestler with Quicksilver as the Aerial Xpress ... They were involved in a year-long feud with Arrogance (Chris Bosh and Scott Lost) for the PWG tag team championship ... Finally won the title in July 2005, but Scorpio was attacked post-match and unmasked ... Now wrestles without a mask ... A member of The Dynasty in PWG ... Calls his implant-style DDT move "The Blackout."

**365 SPUD** (5'4", 126, 5, NL) Undersized British freelancer made some waves this past year ... Spent the past few months feuding with Abyss in English promotion 1PW ... Stood up to the constant bullying of Abyss and his partner, Sterling James Keenan ... Beat Elix Skipper this year ... Made his Ring of Honor debut in April 2006 opposite men like Jimmy Jacobs and Jimmy Yang ...

Popular underdog not just in the U.K., but in continental Europe as well ... Saw tough competition in singles bouts with Chris Sabin and Samoa Joe ... Calls his version of the phoenix splash the "Spudsault."

**366 GRAN HAMADA** (5'4", 190, 35, 270) The living legend of lucha and puroresu is now wrestling through his fourth decade in the business ... Sometimes teams with his daughter, *joshi* star Ayako Hamada ... The junior heavyweight has outlasted all his contemporaries ... Former star of New Japan, Universal, Michinoku Pro, and others is now a semi-regular with All Japan Pro Wrestling ... Years of a full-

time schedule have started to slow down this high-flyer ... Sometimes dons a mask as Mini Love Machine ... Known for his wind-up headbutts ... A decorated champion over the years, he helped popularize lucha in Japan ... Has one of the sport's best huracanranas.

**367 NILES YOUNG** (5'11", 203, 4, NL) Known as "The Anomaly," Young recently captured the CZW junior heavyweight title in a chaotic six-way ladder match that also included Derek Frazier, Sabian, Cheech, Cloudy, and Heretic ... Has feuded with Frazier since mid-2005, but only got the better of him in March ... Now managed by Chrissy Rivera ... Has a wicked Yakuza kick to the face ... The underrated technical wrestler isn't afraid to occasionally bash his opponents with a steel chair ... Wrestled in the third annual Young Lions Cup for CHIKARA ... Pet move is nicknamed the "NYPD"; it's a spinning tombstone piledriver.

**368 ANTONIO BANKS** (6'3", 252, 3, NL) Miami native currently competes under his given name of Montel Vontavious Porter (or MVP for short) in WWE's Deep South Wrestling developmental camp ... Got his start on the Florida independent circuit where he competed in Future of Wrestling, Full Impact Pro, IPW, and NWA Florida ... Formerly teamed with Eric Perez and is now looking for a new partner to help him win the DSW tag team titles ... Has wrestled several WWE dark matches ... Suffered a tough loss to Jake Roberts at Wrestle Reunion in 2005 ... His finishing move is a brutal back kick to the face that he calls "Malicious Intent."

**369 KENNICHIRO ARAI** (5'7", 178, 8, NL) Mid-card attraction with Japan's Dragon Gate group, he's a product of Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon training facility in Mexico ... Nicknamed "Araken" ... Like all the Arai's, he's famed for his "Head Of Steel," and uses it as both an offensive and defensive weapon ... Currently aligned with the Final M2K faction in Dragon Gate with Susumu Yokosuka ... Usually wears robes emblazoned with images of tigers ... Sometimes drinks sake on the way to the ring, and sprays it into the audience ... Signature moves include the "Tiger Suplex" and the 450 splash.

**370 STEVE DOUGLAS** (6', 198, 4, NL) One of Europe's most hated wrestlers, this native of Glachau, Germany, rose to prominence over the last two years ... Has wrestled everywhere from the Netherlands to South Africa ... Often escorted to the ring by the seductive Shadow, who replaced his former manager Don Jakobi ... Bears a passing resemblance to Jeff Hardy in his younger days ... His favorite move is a half-nelson German suplex, which drops opponents high on their neck and head.



**371 JOKER** (5'10", 225, 6, NL) Recently returned from a tour of duty in Iraq, this CZW star has rejoined Black Out and won the CZW tag title with partner Eddie Kingston, unseating Chris Hero and Claudio Castagnoli after a long reign ... Typically paints his face black and red for matches ... Appeared in a number of independent tournaments this past year, from the Tournament of Death to CHIKARA's Tag World Grand Prix ... Also wrestled in Canada this past year ... Fluctuates between the heavyweight and junior heavyweight ranks ... Finishes off opponents with his "Joker Driver," a head-dropping counter for a victory roll.

**372 MEN'S TEIOM** (5'5", 170, 14, NL) One of the top stars of Big Japan Pro Wrestling, he made his name in the 1990s as a *rudo* in Michinoku Pro alongside Dick Togo and TAKA Michinoku ... Sometimes leads a stable of younger wrestlers called the Men's Club ... Bleaches his hair golden blond and sports white and blue ring gear ... Idolizes Terry Funk, thus his nickname "Terry Boy" ... Likes the spinning toe-hold, and the full-nelson slam ... One of Japan's most underrated technical wrestlers ... Pet move is the "Miracle Ecstasy" chokeslam variation.

**373 QUICKSILVER** (6', 174, 3, NL) Independent star is best known for his tag team work in California's Pro Wrestling Guerrilla ... Spent the first two years of his career teaming with Scorpio Sky as the Aerial Xpress ... When he and Scorpio Sky would meet in singles matches, the result was always a draw ... Finally defeated Scorpio Sky on the last Revolution Pro event, before the company folded ...

Has held the PWG tag team championship twice, once with Chris Bosh, once with Scorpio Sky ... Now teams with El Generico, attempting to reclaim the tag titles ... Signature move is the "Silverado Spinebuster."

**374 JOSH DANIELS** (5'8", 210, 5, 203) Star of the American independent circuit got his start in New Jersey back in 2001 ... Participated in the 2006 ECWA Super 8, defeating André Lyonz in the opening round before losing to Charlie Haas in the semifinals ... Has wrestled in Japan for Zero One ... Former PWF and PTW tag team champion ... Scouted by both WWE and TNA, he has had a handful of matches with both groups, but hasn't signed any contracts yet ... Draws favorable comparisons to Chris Benoit for his intensity and precision ... Signature moves include the "Dragon Suplex" and the "Tiger Suplex."

**375 EDDIE KINGSTON** (5'11", 228, 3, 410) Rough-and-tumble *tecnico* from CHIKARA started his career as a *rudo* ... Fans took to this heavyweight after seeing him bounce back from incredible beatings without stepping back ... Long rivalry with Chris Hero, Gran Akuma, and the Kings of Wrestling dates back to the early days of his career ... Co-holder of the CZW tag team titles with Joker ... His brutal Yakuza kick is feared everywhere he wrestles ... A regular in IWA Mid-South, he has also wrestled abroad in Germany ... His suplexes, like the exploder and the uranage, are picture perfect ... Trademark move is the royal flush DDT variation.

**376 BLUE DEMON JR.** (5'8", 198, 21, NL) As the son of the legendary Blue Demon, he has an eternal rival in El Santo ... Not as technically gifted as his father, but the legacy of the Blue Demon name and mask has sustained his career in spite of his limited

in-ring success ... Has held both the middleweight and welterweight championships of the Tijuana-based WWA promotion ... Made a few appearances in the United States this past year ... Recently teamed with Mil Mascaras and Santo to headline an event to raise money for charity that garnered a lot of mainstream press in Mexico ... Like dear old Dad, his finisher is called "El Pulpo."

**377 JACK CRIST** (5'6", 156, 4, 391) Ring of Honor regular first rose to fame using the name Crazy J ... He and his brother David (formerly Lotus) form the tag team known as the Irish Airborne ... Young grappler has lots of untapped potential ... Competed for HWA, Buckeye Pro, and IWA Mid-South prior to winning a roster spot with ROH, when he and brother David defeated former ROH tag champs Tony Mamaluke and Sal Rinauro back in March ... Former HWA and BPW tag team champion with David ... Uses a wide variety of springboard moves, including a very well-executed springboard side headlock takeover ... Pet move is the "Double Shot."

**378 MIKEY BATTS** (5'7", 173, 3, 266) Released from the WWE developmental system, Batts is back on the independent circuit ... In October 2005, signed a WWE developmental deal and was assigned to Deep South Wrestling ... Was moved to the OVW roster two months later ... Tried out for the full-time WWE roster ... Lost to Gregory Helms at a taping of the WWE Internet program *Velocity* ... Uses a kick-up "Frankensteiner" as his finisher.

**379 SONNY SIAKI** (6'1", 240, 7, 169) The native of Pago Pago, Samoa, spent over two years in TNA before departing the company in December 2005 ... His productive TNA run impressed WWE, and, in turn, he signed a WWE developmental contract and made his way to Deep South Wrestling ... Formed a team with Eric Perez known as Urban Assault ... Debuted in Deep South in March 2006 with a win over Ray Gordy ... Former X division champion ... One of the few remaining graduates of the defunct WCW Power Plant.

**380 AMIGO SUZUKI** (5'6", 160, 3, NL) Standout performer with Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon and the now-defunct Dragon Door promotion ... Started his career under the name Chuichiro Arai ... A former Tex-Arkana TV champion, he won and lost the belt from Larry Sweeney in the autumn of 2005 ... Wrestles all over the Mexican independent scene ... Trained by Skayde and Negro Navarro ... Teamed with Shinjitsu Nohashi of Michinoku Pro for CHIKARA's Tag World Grand Prix tournament in February 2006, and was eliminated in the second round ... Has forsaken his Japanese heritage and now wears a sarape and sombrero to the ring ... Finisher is a "Tiger Suplex."

**381 RENE DUPREE** (6'3", 250, 8, 117) Former star of WWE's Raw brand has been sent back to Ohio Valley Wrestling to further his training ... The son of legendary Canadian wrestler and promoter Emil Dupree ... Previously held the Raw World tag team title with Sylvan Grenier as La Resistance, and later held the Smackdown World tag title with Kenzo Suzuki ... Also wrestles for his father's Atlantic Grand Prix Wrestling promotion in the Canadian Maritimes ... Rene was the youngest person ever to sign a WWE developmental contract, at age 18 in 2002 ... Has one of the best fisherman suplexes in the sport.

**382 ABISMO NEGRO** (5'9", 191, 16, 154) Masked *rudo* of AAA joined the *tecnicos* this past year, and formed a team with Octagon and the AAA La Parka ... Rivalry with Oriental spans numerous promotions in both Mexico and Japan ... Recently returned from a tour with Pro Wrestling NOAH ... Got a bit of American exposure last year as part of Team Mexico in TNA ... Feuding with both Cibernetico's La Secta and Konnan's Foreign Legion ... Nickname is "El Rey Del Martinete," which means "King Of The Piledriver."

**383 DAVID CRIST** (5'10", 170, 4, 378) Tag team specialist in Ring of Honor first made a name for himself on the independents using the name

Lotus ... Together with his brother Jack, the former Crazy J, they form Irish Airborne ... Uses numerous rope-ascending armdrag variations and is very coordinated in using the ring to his advantage ... Cut his teeth in IWA Mid-South, Buckeye Pro, and the HWA ... Biggest win thus far was over former ROH tag team champs Tony Mamaluke and Sal Rinauro ... Uses a Quebrada moonsault block very effectively ... Crushes foes with a shooting star press converted into a legdrop just before impact.

**384 JACK BULL** (6'4", 280, 6, NL) There's nothing tremendously exciting about this OVW developmental wrestler, and that's exactly how he likes it ... Sometimes wrestles under the name Generic Bay Bland to complement his rulebreaking—yet religiously pious—persona ... Rose to prominence with Impact Zone Wrestling, based out of Phoenix, Arizona ... Signed a developmental deal with WWE in March 2005 and was assigned to Deep South Wrestling ... Rolled over the competition in DSW and was quickly moved to Ohio Valley Wrestling by December ... Struggled in his early OVW matches ... Relies on the "Bull's-Eye Power Bomb" to finish off his opponents.

**385 SKAYDE** (5'7", 174, 21, 189) Head trainer at Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon gym in Nuacalpan, Mexico, is one of lucha libre's most gifted technical wrestlers ... Appears all over the Mexican independents ... Has trained the majority of the Toryumon and Dragon Gate rosters, and many of Mexico's biggest stars ... Wrestles under his real name of Jorge Rivera for the Toryumon ... Inventor of literally hundreds of holds ... A regular with Pennsylvania's CHIKARA ... He went to the finals of the Tag World Grand Prix teaming with his protégé Milano Collection A.T. in February 2006 ... The "Skayde Especial" is a backward variation of "La Magistral" cradle.

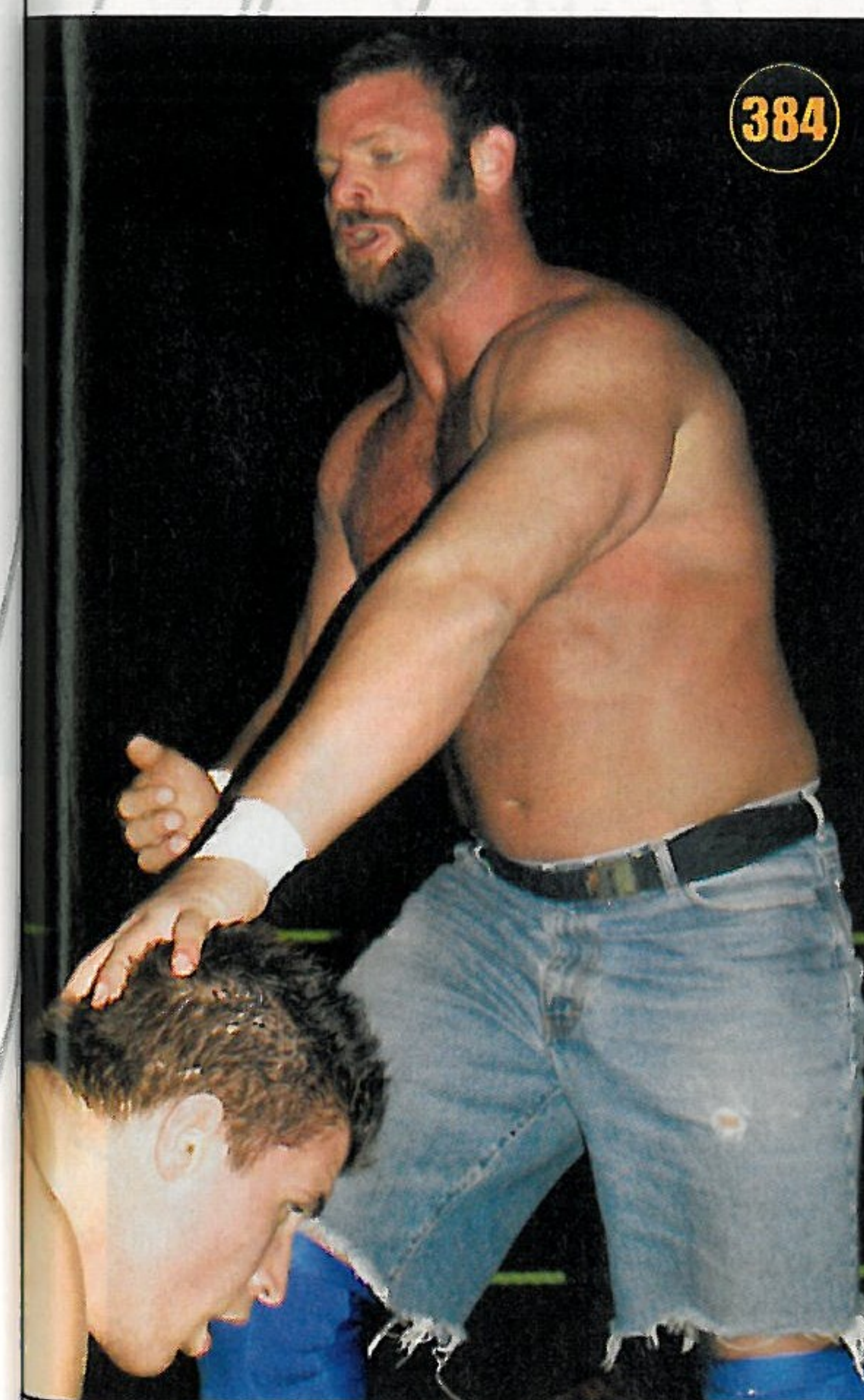
**386 ERIC PEREZ** (6'4", 250, 5, 276) Puerto Rican standout signed a WWE developmental contract last September and was assigned to the Deep South Wrestling developmental territory ... Competed as Eric Alexander in Puerto Rico, where he once was considered one of the IWA's new generation of young stars ... Caused quite a stir when he jumped to rival promotion WWC ... Former IWA tag team champion and Intercontinental champion, and WWC Puerto Rican and tag team champion ... Adopted the nickname "The Puerto Rican Nightmare" and began teaming with Montel Vontavious Porter ... Currently one-half of Urban Assault with Sonny Siaki.

**387 MAXIME BOYER** (5'8", 188, 6, NL) Canadian independent star is a native of Quebec and cut from the same mold as the Dynamite Kid ... Quickest rising star in the Montreal scene, he is a regular with the IWS promotion ... Made an impressive showing in CHIKARA's Young Lions Cup IV rookies tournament with his clean, crisp technical style ... Has also appeared in the States for CZW, but tends to confine his activity to eastern Canada ... Has a great snap suplex and flying headbutt from the top turnbuckle ... Poised to be the next great Canadian wrestling star ... Finishes with a pump-handle fishermanbuster, which he calls "The Lifestyle."

**388 CHESSMAN** (6'1", 231, 10, NL) AAA *rudo* has quietly become one of the promotion's most consistent performers ... Usually paints his face black and red ... Long feud with Latin Love resulted in Chessman losing his hair in September 2005 ... Previously wrestled as M-357 and Magnum ... Recently aligned with Konnan and Foreign Legion against the likes of Octagon, Intocable, and AAA's other main *tecnicos* ... Typically cooperates with Cibernetico's cult-like stable called La Secta ... Recently immortalized when his mascot, Mini-Chessman, debuted on AAA television ... Adequate high-flyer can brawl with the best of them ... Signature move is the power bomb.

**389 FREAKIN' DEACON** (6'7", 330, 1, NL) Current Deep South Wrestling star is a student of former WCW and WWE wrestler Bill DeMott ... By September of 2005, the former Dorian Deville began calling himself the Freakin' Deacon ... Wrestled primarily as a singles competitor, but did align himself with Palmer Cannon for a brief period of time ... As Deville, lost a *Heat* match to Matt Striker and was sent back to DSW ... Later returned to the WWE main roster in the form of the Imposter Kane ... Defeated the real Kane at Vengeance, before being beaten out of WWE by his doppelganger the next night on *Raw* ... Finishes off opponents with a simple, yet effective, power bomb.

**390 TURBO** (5'6", 169, 8, 256) High-flying *tecnico* of the Mexican independents is starting to break out this year ... Took Japan by storm with a two-month tour in the Dragon Gate promotion where he quickly became the man to watch ... The Japanese renamed him "Turboman" in early-2006 ... Colorful luchador has a racecar driver outfit, complete with a helmet-like mask ... Protégé of lucha veteran Skayde ... His matches opposite Black Thunder have been the highlights of LML cards ... One of the few Mexican wrestlers to ever appear with Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon X company ... Strings together armdrags and headscissors with blinding accuracy.





## 391 DANNY GIMONDO (6'4", 228, 13, 151)

East Coast independent standout started his career as the Inferno Kid long before signing a WWE developmental deal and being assigned to Ohio Valley Wrestling ... Former East Coast Wrestling Association tag, Mid-Atlantic, and heavyweight champion ... Enjoyed great success in Jersey Championship Wrestling, a now-defunct East Coast promotion ... Held the JCW TV, tag, and heavyweight titles ... Teamed up with Aaron Stevens and Nova to form The Jersey Shore Crew ... Re-assigned to Deep South Wrestling in March 2006, then dropped "Inferno" from his name altogether ... Famed for his flying dropkick from the top turnbuckle.

## 392 SABIAN (5'6", 160, 6, NL)

Nicknamed "The Black Jesus" by CZW fans, Sabian is a former CZW tag team and junior heavyweight champion ... Teams with Eddie Kingston, Joker, and Ruckus to form Black Out, the most popular stable in CZW ... Has wrestled for CHIKARA, PWE, as well as Canada's IWS ... Standout matches in the past year have seen Sabian face Matt Sydal, Sonjay Dutt, and Mike Quackenbush ... Made it to the finals of the sixth annual Best of the Best tournament, but lost to Ruckus ... Has a precision dropkick and a great double foot stomp from the corner.

## 393 SHANE MATTHEWS (5'9", 185, 4, NL)

Canadian independent is best known for his tag team work, pairing up with Jagged as 2.0 ... 2.0 won the NCW tag team title, then moved onto the larger IWS promotion in Montreal ... Held the IWS tag straps for 10 months ... Eliminated from the 2006 tag World Grand Prix by Mister ZERO and Shane Storm ... Suffered a serious ACL tear in May 2006 that has kept him limping ever since ... The dreaded double-team move of 2.0 is known as the "Sweet Taste Of Professionalism," or "STP" for short.

## 394 PANTERA (5'7", 188, 21, 238)

CMLL *tecnico* also works the Mexican independents and in the past has been a star with AAA ... Won the IWRG Intercontinental tag title with Felino in June 2006, beating Dr. Cerebro and Cerebro Negro ... Black and white striped outfit is known the world over ... Also competes in Japan from time to time ... Famed for his wild suicide dives, including somersaulting onto opponents laying on the arena floor ... Former CMLL welterweight and National light heavyweight titleholder ... Has a graceful moonsault bodyblock.

## 395 SHIGEO OKUMURA (5'9", 208, 6, NL)

Freelance Japanese star is a full-

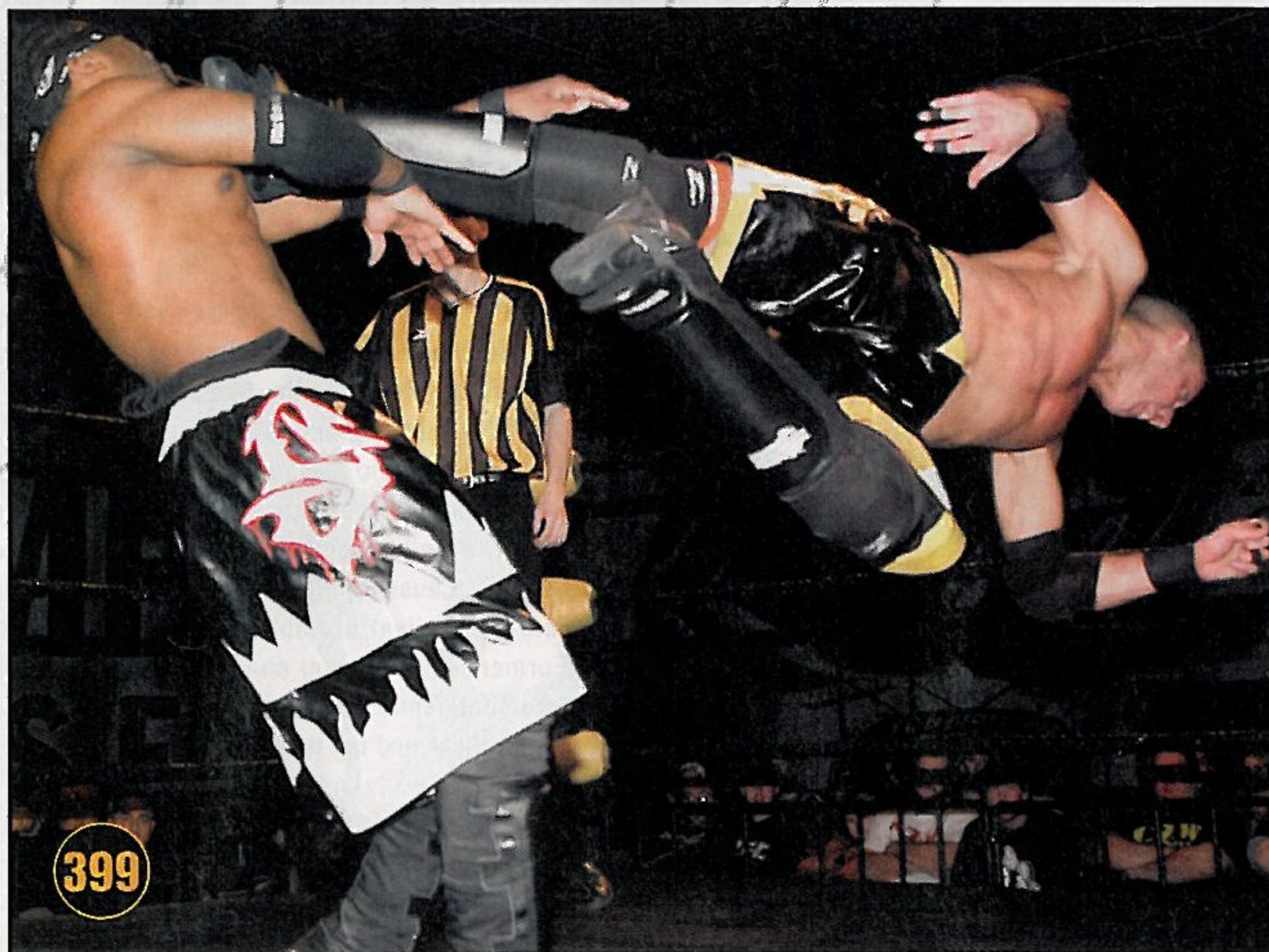
time *rudo* with Mexico's CMLL promotion ... Was sent to Mexico for "seasoning" and to further his career, but has made enough of a name for himself in the world of lucha libre that he has yet to return home ... Has been on tour in Mexico for almost two years now, facing top-name *tecnicos* like Dr. Wagner Jr. and Negro Casas ... Sometimes teams with Ryusuke Taguchi, another Japanese regular in Mexico ... Best known for his "Dragon Suplex," the German suplex hold with a full-nelson.

## 396 DEUCE SHADE (6'2", 230, 7, 225)

developmental talent is the son of WWE legend Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka ... Won a battle royal in August 2005 to become the number-one contender to the OVW title ... Could not defeat Johnny Jeter, the then-OVW champion ... Began teaming with Dice Domino in early-2006 ... The duo embraced their rulebreaking ways and 1950s greaser personas, calling themselves The Throwbacks ... Held the OVW Southern tag team title, before losing the straps to K.C. James and Roadkill after a mere 17 days ... In honor of his father, Shade primarily uses a modified "Superfly Splash" as his trademark move.

## 397 JAGGED (5'9", 182, 5, NL)

Ontario native is best known for his tag team work with Shane Matthews as the team 2.0 ... Captured the NCW tag team title before enjoying a record 10-month reign in Montreal's IWS ... Appeared in the 2006 edition of CHIKARA's Tag World Grand Prix tournament, losing to Mister ZERO and Shane Storm in the opening round ... Make semi-regular Stateside appearances with CHIKARA, where they've had some marginal success thus far.



## 398 MATT STRYKER (5'11", 215, 8, 180)

Dominant player in the Ohio-based Heartland Wrestling Association, he enjoyed his fourth reign as the promotion's champion after defeating Shawn Osborne in June 2005 ... Went on to capture the HWA tag straps with partner Tack in October 2005 ... The team fell apart when Stryker added the HWA TV title to his winnings in November ... Ultimately lost that title to Brad Smith in May 2006 ... Trained by Les Thatcher ... Lost a bout with Scotty 2 Hotty for *Velocity* back in October 2005 ... Has competed off and on for Ring of Honor ... Likes to force a tap out using his "StrykerLock."

## 399 DEREK FRAZIER (5'8", 215, 5, NL)

A former CZW junior heavyweight champion, he lost the title to perennial rival Niles Young in a six-way ladder match ... Was eliminated from the sixth annual Best of the Best tournament by Christopher Daniels ... Has trained under the high-flying Ruckus ... A regular on the Maryland and Delaware independent scenes ... Typically garbed in blue and yellow ... Nicknamed "Pure Impact" ... His trademark move is a cradled variation of "Michinoku Driver Beta."

## 400 RYUJI ITO (5'11", 185, 5, NL)

Infamous hardcore wrestler has become the top draw for Big Japan Pro Wrestling ... Considers himself the "New Age Death Match King" ... Held the Big Japan Death Match title for years before being unseated by Abdullah Kobayashi ... A former member of Men's Teioh's MEN's Club, he found stardom after flying solo ... Strike-heavy offense betrays a martial arts influence ... Likes to cover his opponents in light tubes and deliver a frog splash on top of the pile.



## 401 VRIES KASTELEIN (5'11", 185, 2, NL)

Young star from Alphen aan den Rijn, Holland, is starting to make a name for himself in continental Europe ... Has wrestled in Germany for the Essen-based wXw group ... One-half of the wXw tag team champions with Adam Polak, they are known as the High Class Catch Club ... One of Pro Wrestling Holland's top stars ... Visited the U.S. last year and wrestled in CHIKARA's Young Lions Cup III, a tournament for rookies ... Regularly competes for FCW in the Netherlands ... Has trained under Skyde, Johnny Kidd, and Robbie Brookside ... Speaks Dutch, English, German, and French ... Submission finisher is dubbed "Stretch Vries."

## 402 SEXXXY EDDY (6'1", 195, 7, 415)

Scantly clad Canadian freelancer is known for spontaneous mid-ring dancing ... Captured the IWS heavyweight title for a second time in July 2005 ... A fixture in the Quebec and Ontario circuits ... Made his name in last year's Tournament of Death where he was involved in a bloodbath ... Teamed with Kevin Steen for the 32-team Tag World Grand Prix in February 2006, but was eliminated by Arik Cannon and Jigsaw ... Formed an odd tandem with the Necro Butcher for a few matches ... As of press time, held the CZW junior heavyweight title ... His tombstone-like finishing move is called "Thrill To Kill."

## 403 YOSHIAKI YAGO (6'2", 229, 2, NL)

Rookie sensation is a product of Taka Michinoku's Kaientai Dojo ... Spent years as a kickboxer and karate teacher before turning pro wrestler ... Often teams with K-Dojo veteran MIYAWAKI, who has helped him improve his wrestling game ... Incredible striker that throws precision kicks and heart punches with blinding speed ... Also composes many of the K-Dojo wrestlers entrance themes

... Made his U.S. debut at CHIKARA's Tag World Grand Prix back in February ... Has had incredible bouts with KUDO, Necro Butcher, MIKAMI, Chris Hero, and Claudio Castagnoli ... Finisher is a "Dragon Suplex."

## 404 DANNY DANIELS (5'9", 215, 9, 192)

Midwest independent wrestler broke away from IWA Mid-South and formed AAW ... Won the AAW Heritage title from Dan Lawrence in an "I Quit" match ... Scheduled to appear in the 10th annual Super 8, a freak injury kept him out of the tournament ... Spent some time on the shelf recuperating before returning to action ... Has held the NWA Heartland title for well over a year ... Trained Tyler Black, Marek Brave, and Al Snow ... Scored a victory over Snow in March ... Favorite move is the piledriver.

## 405 NICK GAGE (5'10", 225, 7, NL)

CZW UltraViolent champion won the title in a bloody barbed wire match opposite Necro Butcher and J.C. Bailey ... He and his brother, Justice Pain, form The H8 Club and are former CZW tag team champions ... Part of a larger group that also includes CZW owner John Zandig ... Wrestled in Japan for BJW early in his career ... Long feud with Butcher and Toby Klein resulted in some wild matches that exploded all over the ECW Arena ... Finishing move starts like a chokeslam, but ends with Gage drooping his opponent across his outstretched knee.

## 406 SCORPIO JR. (5'8", 216, 21, NL)

AAA *rudo* is a longtime veteran of the lucha scene ... Has also wrestled for CMLL and IWRG in recent years ... Part of Shocker's new Los Guapos VIP stable with Zumbido ... No stranger to being a team player, Scorpio was also part of such groups as Los Guapos and Los Talibanes ... His father, Scorpio

Sr., is heavily involved in the governing of lucha libre under Fantasma ... Teamed with Bestia Salvaje and Emilio Charles Jr. for years during his CMLL stint.

## 407 TRAVIS TOMKO (6'6", 292, 4, 104)

The former Tyson Tomko departed WWE in April and made his way to the Far East, where he now competes for New Japan Pro Wrestling ... Has teamed up with Giant Bernard, another former WWE star ... Served as bodyguard and "problem solver" for Christian Cage in WWE ... When Cage left for TNA, Tomko floundered ... Went to Puerto Rico in April 2006, where he was beaten by Carlito ... Came up through the OVW developmental system, but still learning his craft ... Favorite move is the tombstone piledriver.

## 408 TASUTOSHI GOTO (5'10", 243, 33, NL)

Former New Japan star went freelance this past year and landed a regular spot on the roster at Zero One Max ... Was unsuccessful in his AWA title challenge against current champ Takao Omori ... Isn't afraid to brawl, and doesn't shy away from hardcore style matches ... Took a month off after having his skull cracked with a chair in January ... One of puroresu's most experienced players, he's been a part of numerous stables over the years and has feuded with virtually every top New Japan star ... For decades, has used a belly-to-back suplex as his finisher.

## 409 TRACEY SMOTHERS (6'1", 227, 24, NL)

The "Wild Eyed Southern Boy" is still making the rounds on the independent circuit ... Joined the Hardcore Homecoming tour last autumn and faced off with the Blue Meanie at those events ... Debuted with 1PW in England, and reprised his feud with Meanie there as well ... His matches in Europe have all started with mandated "dance-offs," which he rarely wins ... Forms the team Southern Comfort with Chris Hamrick ... The two held the IWC tag team titles last year ... Has wrestled for WWE, WCW, ECW, USWA, SMW, and countless other promotions during his lengthy career ... Throws a wicked back-fist forearm to the side of the head.

## 410 MATT MORGAN (7", 330, 4, 54)

Former WWE competitor has moved on to find new challenges in All Japan Pro Wrestling ... Started with New Japan Pro Wrestling in October 2005, taking a fluke win over Yuji Nagata ... Teamed with Mark Jindrak there until the end of the year, then moved to All Japan in 2006 ... Has joined the controversial RO&D stable that always plagues Keiji Muto and Kaz Hayashi ... Competes for Hustle as one-half of the Sodom (Jindrak) and Gomora (Morgan) tag team ... Holds his opponents aloft in a vertical suplex, and then twists into a "Rock Bottom" to put them away.



## 411 NORMAN SMILEY (6'2", 245, 14, NL)

The British independent wrestler has made his home in the United States dating back to his days in WCW ... Trained under Boris Malenko, then moved to Mexico where he competed for years as "Black Magic" ... Makes sporadic appearances with TNA ... Teamed with Shark Boy at Destination X in March 2006, coming out on the losing end of a tag match against David Young and Elix Skipper ... Famed for his "Big Wiggle" ... Toured Japan, Korea, and Guam in April 2006, feuding with Disco Inferno ... Calls his chicken wing submission hold the "Norman Conquest."

## 412 FRANKIE KAZARIAN (6'1", 220, 10, 79)

"The Future" Kazarian has had a tumultuous year thus far ... Left TNA in February 2005 to pursue opportunities in WWE ... Had a few dark matches with the Smackdown brand and was signed to a developmental deal ... He was sent to Ohio Valley in May 2005, then moved to Smackdown in the summer, taking wins over Nunzio, Danny Doring, and Paul London ... Released from WWE in August 2005, Kazarian returned to the independents, particularly PWG in California ... Also appears in Jersey All Pro from time to time ... Signature move is called "The Wave Of The Future."

## 413 BILLY MAVERICK (6'1", 234, 7, NL)

Highly decorated American independent wrestled for AWA-Supreme and Hard Core ... Defeated AWA Supreme United States champion Nic Noble in a steel cage match in August 2005 ... Held that title until a December loss to Chris Blayze in another steel cage match ... Held the HCW heavyweight title for an unprecedented 18 months ... Recaptured the HCW heavyweight title in March 2006, defeating Johnny Jordan ... Finishes off his opponents with "The Peacemaker."

## 414 ANDRE LYONZ (5'9", 205, 4, 451)

American independent got his start on the New England circuit, after training with Mike Hollow and Jim McCarthy ... Rose to prominence with Chaotic Wrestling, and was a participant in the 10th Annual ECWA Super 8, where he lost to Josh Daniels in the opening round ... Blew out his knee in the match, but didn't take much time off ... Pet submission hold is referred to simply as "The Leg Deal" ... Hails from the Mile High City ... Just 21 years of age, he has already held the NECW, WFA, and EWA tag team championships ... His finisher is called the "Lyonz Tamer."

## 415 JUSTICE PAIN (5'9", 220, 7, NL)

"The Ultraviolent All-Star" of CZW in Philadelphia, Pain and his brother Nick Gage are collectively known as The H8 Club ... Has held every title in Combat Zone Wrestling ... Now feuding with Black Out, led by Ruckus ... Most recently held the CZW tag titles with Gage before

losing to Chris Hero and Claudio Castagnoli ... Sometimes joins forces with the likes of Lobo and John Zandig ... Has also wrestled for XPW and Big Japan during his career ... Has an array of devastating power moves in his arsenal, particularly his piledriver.

## 416 TRENT ACID (5'10", 206, 11, NL)

Top star of the Philadelphia-based Pro Wrestling Unplugged promotion, he had a classic match this year with Ultimo Dragon ... Made his first tour of Mexico working for X-LAW in Tijuana ... One-half of the Backseat Boyz with Johnny Kashmere ... A regular in Jersey All Pro and several other small New Jersey independents ... Feuded with Homicide off and on over the past year ... Won the UXW U.S., Xtreme, and heavyweight titles this spring ... Former CZW junior heavyweight champion and tag team champion ... Favorite move is Masa Chono's "Yakuza Kick."

## 417 EXTREME TIGER (5'6", 159, 5, NL)

High-flying king of Tijuana, Mexico, is one insane luchador ... A cult figure in Mexico, he recently wrestled in Japan with Ultimo Dragon's Dragon Door group ... Has feuded with Joe Lider almost since his debut ... Won Lider's hair, and later the hair of Venum Black in 2004 ... Wears a mask reminiscent of Tiger Mask ... Recently ascended from the independents in AAA, where he has become a star on the rise ... Quickly earned a name for himself by performing the 450 splash from the top turnbuckle onto opponents laying on the floor.

## 418 ADAM FLASH (5'11", 222, 15, NL)

Mid-Atlantic independent fixture has been stirring up controversy with the newly relaunched Maryland Championship Wrestling ... Took his public distaste for Dan McDevitt into the ring, and defeated McDevitt to get his job back at MCW ... Currently a top contender for the MCW heavyweight title ... Served as top star of the NCW group centered in York, Pennsylvania ... A former CZW Ironman champion, he joined an oddball stable led by Pandora last year that drifted into the background ... Signature move has always been the flying legdrop from the top turnbuckle.

## 419 JOHN MCCHESENEY (5'10", 181, 6, NL)

The independent star has earned his greatest fame on the Pittsburgh circuit,

making a name for himself by winning the 2005 Super Indy tournament, beating Low-Ki in the finals ... Made his Ring of Honor debut last year against perennial rival Sterling James Keenan ... Popped up on the ill-fated *Heat* in a losing effort against Johnny Parisi ... Also appeared on TNA's *Xplosion* ... Holds championship gold in both NWA Upstate and the Ohio-based NEPW ... Lost to Parisi in his *Raw* dark match last year ... The "Cliffhanger DDT" is his trademark move.

## 420 BRYAN LOGAN (6', 215, 3, 369)

Massachusetts native has been on the American independent circuit since his debut ... Forms a tag team with his brother Matt Logan, which is sometimes a trio with younger brother Nick ... Competed in the 10th annual Super 8 tournament, losing to Milano Collection A.T. in the opening round ... Has branched out a bit from the New England scene, also competing in Canada and some East Coast independents like NECW and CCW ... Has been feuding with The Valedictorians in Delaware ... Signature moves include the "TKO" and a flying legdrop.



## 421 TEDDY HART (6'1", 195, 8, 300)

Independent wrestler isn't as prevalent as he was just a few years ago ... A nephew of Bret Hart, Teddy was trained by Ross and Bruce Hart ... Held the Jersey All Pro tag team title twice, as well as their light heavyweight belt ... Formerly of TNA, ROH, and CZW, his bizarre behavior usually ends up working against him ... The Canadian high-flyer has had numerous WWE tryout matches over the last few years ... Performs amazing feats of agility with a total disregard for his own safety ... Calls his shooting star press the "Hart Attack."

## 422 CONRAD KENNEDY III (6'1", 215, 3, 382)

"CK3" is an Ohio native that made his Ring of Honor debut this past year ... Trained by Rip Malibu ... A regular in several Midwestern states ... Appointed himself the "Symbol Of Excellence" ... Former MWF Intercontinental champion ... Has a great neckbreaker in his repertoire ... Hails from the "Mean Streets Of Ottawa Hills, Ohio" ... Spent a good portion of the year feuding with Brad Martin in Scott D'Amore's Border City Wrestling ... His "Money Clip" submission hold is an upside-down leglock that works the knee and forces opponents to tap out.

## 423 RIC CONVERSE (6'1", 225, 7, NL)

Reigning AWA heavyweight champion won the title in June from Takao Omori ... Regular in CWF Mid-Atlantic for years where he quietly worked his way up through the ranks ... Beat Garry Stevens to win the AWA Mid-Atlantic title in December 2005 for the second time in his career ... Defended against Russell Simpson and Tracy Smothers in the first few months of 2006 ... Debuted with Pro Wrestling World 1 in April 2006 and defeated Justin Smith ... Forms an off-again, on-again team with Jesse Ortega ... His patented finisher is called the "Ric-ter Scale."

## 424 DOS CARAS (5'10", 211, 36, NL)

Legendary luchador isn't as active as he was just a few years ago ... Brother of Mil Mascaras and Sicolcelico, his son now carries on the legacy of his mask, competing for CMLL as Dos Caras Jr. ... Top star of the UWA in Naucalpan with Canek back in the 1980s ... Still headlines shows on the Mexican independents to this day ... Alternately a *tecnico* or *rudo*, his name literally translates to "Two Faces" ... Wrestled in Japan this past year for Dragon Gate ... Like Mascaras, he is famed for his flying plancha (bodypress) off the top turnbuckle.

## 425 BOLEN (6', 260, 1, NL)

Landed on the American independent circuit after completing his training under Scott D'Amore of Border City Wrestling ... Debuted in the Pittsburgh-based IWC promotion in the summer of 2005 ... Made a few appearances on TNA's *Xplosion* program ...

Sometimes competes for Michigan independent Prime Time Wrestling ... Holds several benchpress records, and works hard to maintain his amazing physique ... Spent the majority of the last year feuding with the Unholy Alliance ... Signature move is a sideslam that he has dubbed "The Meltdown."

## 426 RIKI CHOSHU (6', 246, 32, NL)

New Japan Pro Wrestling legend is a little past his prime, but is still a top draw in his homeland ... Slowed down considerably since 1998 and rarely does singles matches anymore ... Has retired almost every year since 1998 it seems, but he always comes back for more ... Heavily involved in matchmaking for New Japan ... Master of the lariat, it's almost



synonymous with him in Japan ... Also held the IWGP tag team title with partners Masa Saito and Takayuki Iizuka ... Signature submission hold is the "Scorpion Deathlock."

## 427 EQUINOX (5'10", 173, 2, NL)

High-flying *tecnico* from Mexico has found a home in CHIKARA ... Wrestles off and on in the United States, as well as for the AULL in his native country ... Masked man sports a red and blue outfit that bears a passing resemblance to Spider-Man ... Made an impressive showing in singles matches opposite men like Chris Hero and Claudio Castagnoli this year ... Forms La Pareja Solar with Mexicali-based luchador Angel de Fuego ... Has trained under Skayde and Mike Quackenbush ... Has an array of incredible armdrags from every angle and predicament ... Favorite finisher is the standing shooting star press.

## 428 CHAZ (6', 243, 15, NL)

New Jersey native is a product of Larry Sharpe's Monster Factory, and is a regular all over the American independent circuit ... Sees a lot of action in the Florida region

these days ... Formerly known as Chaz Warrington, Beaver Cleavage, and Mosh of the Headbangers ... Won the MXPW championship from Norman Smiley ... Has feuded with Kip James and the Warlord over the past year ... Alternately feuds and teams up with Hack Meyers in Florida ... Calls his front face plant finisher "The Thingy."

## 429 TENGKWA (5'11", 176, 3, NL)

Masked man from Amsterdam in the Netherlands has earned a cult following throughout continental Europe ... Ring attire is reminiscent of the garb of Vampiro ...

## 430 NICK BERK (5'10", 199, 9, NL)

Philadelphia independent wrestler has become a regular on WWE television programs, having appeared on *Raw*, *Smackdown*, *Heat*, and *Velocity* in the past year ... Lost to Lance Cade in January 2006, and met a similar fate facing Paul Birchall a week later on *Smackdown* ... Was defeated by Ken Kennedy as recently as June 2006 ... Between WWE gigs, can be seen in several East Coast independent groups, such as JAPW and PWU ... Dubbed "The Raw Superstar" ... Has had much greater success at the independent level than in WWE ... Pet submission hold is his unique "Texas Cloverleaf 2k3" variation.



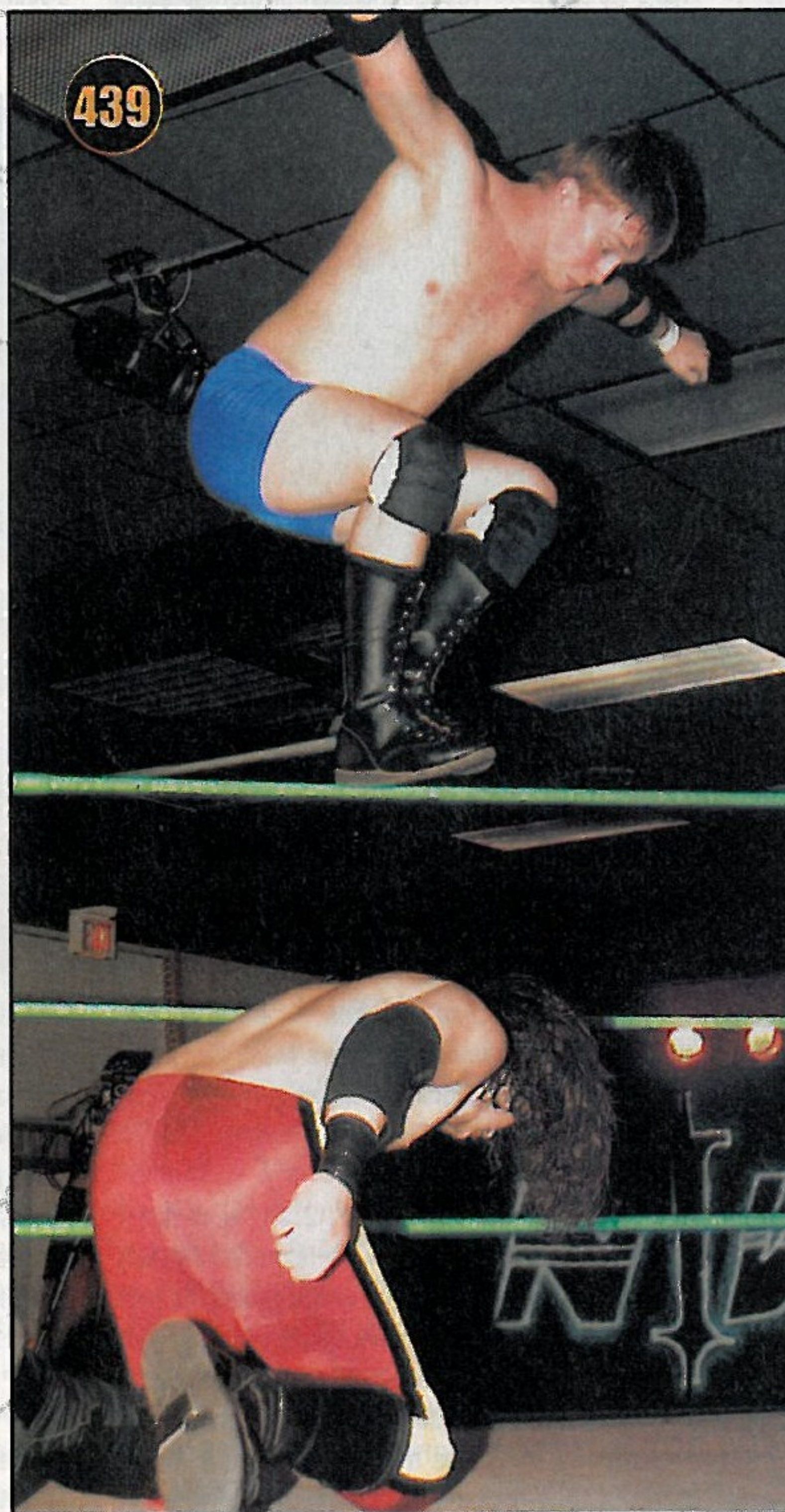
**431 RODNEY MACK** (6'2", 240, 8, 231) Former WWE star is now working the independent circuit, particularly in the southern states ... Originally known as the Red Dawg in tribute to his trainer, Junkyard Dog ... Three-time former NWA Texas heavyweight champion ... Sometimes appears with NWA Shockwave based in New Jersey ... Now the top star of DirtySouth Championship Wrestling, based in Louisiana ... Husband of ECW star Jazz ... Finishes his matches with a DDT or spear.

**432 DARREN BURRIDGE** (6'1", 220, 4, NL) Native of Essex, England, is a regular in several European independents, most notably 1PW ... Sometimes teams up with Colt Cabana as The Street Hooligan Adventure Gang ... They made it to the semifinals of the 1PW tag team tournament before being eliminated by A.J. Styles and Christopher Daniels ... Easy to spot with a pair of fuzzy dice usually hanging out of his tights ... Calls himself "The Pukka One" ... "Pukka" is Cockney Rhyming slang for "authentic" or "first-rate" ... Has a win over Doug Williams, and has faced the likes of Scott Steiner and Vampiro in the past year ... Sometimes competes for NWE based in Italy ... One of the U.K.'s fastest rising stars.

**433 BLACK THUNDER** (5'9", 175, 8, NL) Former ENESMA *rudo* has since gone freelance and can be seen throughout the Mexico City independents ... Rival of the high-flying Turbo, their matches are reminiscent of the early feud between Psicosis and Rey Mysterio Jr. ... Trained by veteran luchador Skyde ... Wears black and silver outfits and masks ... Sometimes teams up with Black Man, another ex-ENESMA star ... Loves to use the piledriver when the referee's attention is diverted, an illegal move in Mexico ... Throws some of the hardest chops in all of Mexico.

**434 CROSSBONES** (5'8", 225, 3, NL) Creepy masked *rudo* is a regular at CHIKARA ... Typically teams with Rorschach after ditching former partner Maho Metallico ... Known for his brutal kicks, he was actually upstaged in that department when he faced kickboxer Yoshiaki Yago in May ... Challenged Shane Storm for the Young Lions Cup, but was unsuccessful in his April 2006 title bid ... Eliminated early from the Tag World Grand Prix 2006; he and Rorschach fell to Hallowicked and Delirious ... Has wrestled for CZW and MBA as well ... Puts his opponents away with a stuffed "Michinoku Driver" variation.

**435 FRANCISCO CIATSO** (5'10", 227, 12, 392) Deep South Wrestling fans will recognize this man, but he's also known by the name Uptown Frankie Capone ... Was invited to compete for DSW by trainer Bill DeMott ... Used to team with Thump Dupree ... Held a score of independent championships in Florida promotions like IPW, SCW, and NWA Florida ... Has toured England for EWW and All Star Wrestling ... Made a handful of appearances with TNA at their Orlando tapings ... Hails from Little Italy in New York ... Likes to finish his matches off with a reverse stunner he nicknamed the "K-5," but fans have renamed it "Forget About It!"



**436 JOSH ABERCROMBIE** (5'9", 187, 3, NL) Reigning IWA Mid-South light heavyweight champion made the tournament rounds in the past year ... Defeated WWE's Jamie Noble in the opening round of the Ted Petty Invitational last autumn, participated in EWF's X8 tourney, and made a splash on the East Coast in CHIKARA's Young Lions Cup III ... Captured the XICW light heavyweight title in Detroit over C.J. Otis ... Long feud with Tyler Black included an iron

man match, and his title win for the IWA MS light heavyweight strap ... Native of Kalamazoo, Michigan, usually dons ill-fitting tights and sports unkempt hair ... Ends his matches with the dreaded "Taliban Backpack" springboard lung blower.

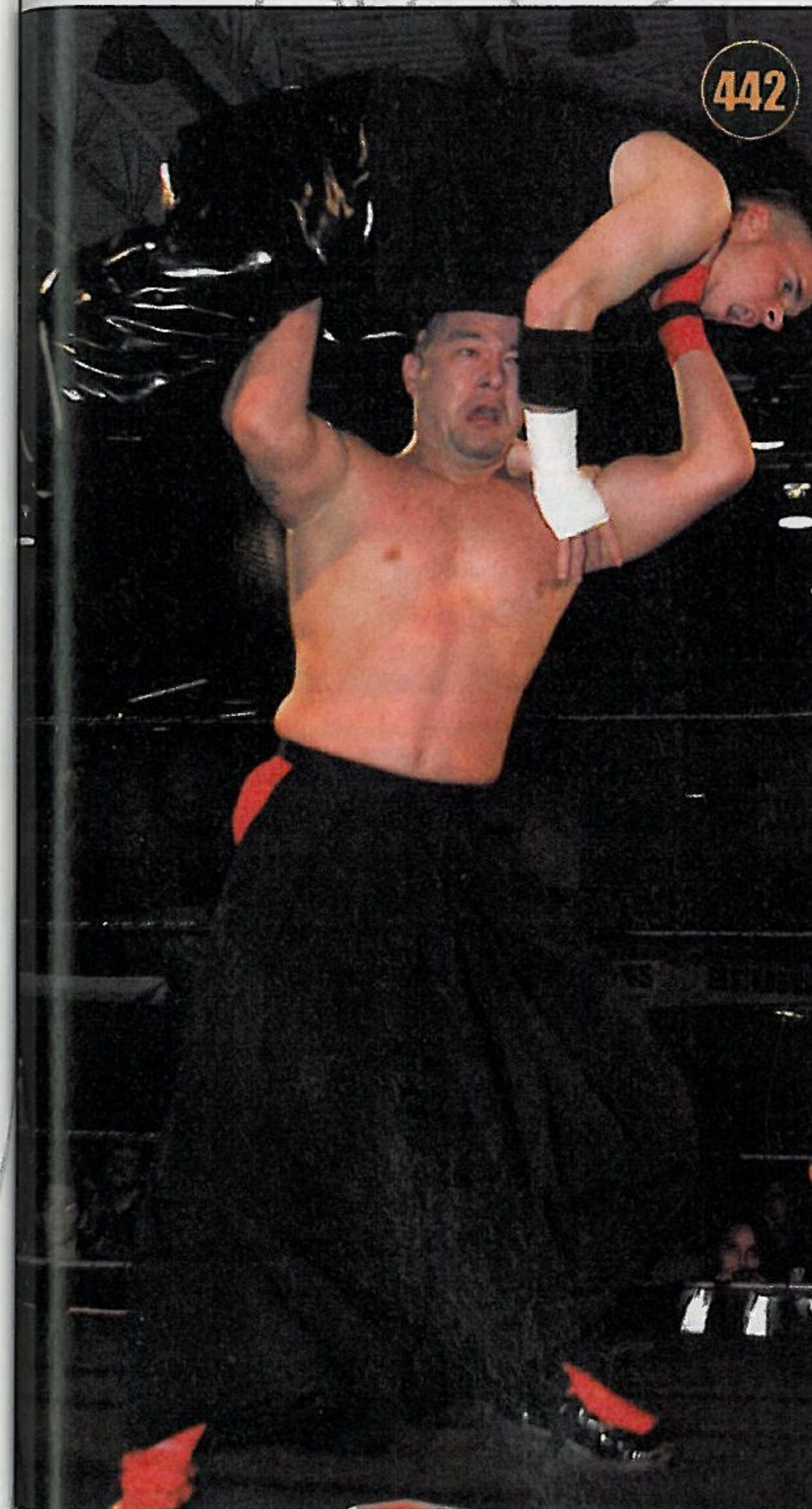
**437 JOEY KNIGHT** (5'8", 212, 7, 334) Independent wrestler forms the All-Knighters tag team with partner Robin Knightwing ... Popped up in Ohio Valley Wrestling, where he feuded for a short span with the Spirit Squad's Mikey ... Also wrestled Rene Dupree in OVW ... Has experience wrestling all over the north-eastern United States, with years of experience in New York and bordering states ... Feuded with Romeo Roselli in the RWA, where he and Knightwing held the tag team titles ... The All-Knighters call their stacked suplex move the "Knight Rider."

**438 FREAK NASTTY** (6', 220, 3, 465) Heavyweight champion of the Delaware-based East Coast Wrestling Association ... Feuded this past year with Mike Krue, Cheetah Master, Arch Kincaid, and Fred Sampson ... Teamed with Cheetah Master in a "Casket Match" against Kincaid and Krue in December 2005 ... Defeated Krue in a dog collar match in May ... Although a champion with a bad attitude, is well-loved and respected by the ECWA fans ... Also wrestles on occasion for Continental Championship Wrestling in Pennsylvania ... Uses the "Freak Accident" as his finishing move.

**439 DARIN CORBIN** (5'10", 187, 2, NL) Minnesota independent teams with Ryan Cruz to form the North Star Express ... Shocked fans by winning the IWA Mid-South championship this year ... Comes to the ring with an odd belt that has an LED display on the buckle, often advertising his Web site or taunting his opponents ... Went to the quarterfinals of CHIKARA's 32-team Tag World Grand Prix in February, he and Cruz were ousted by eventual winners Chris Hero and Claudio Castagnoli ... Calls his "Ace Crusher" finisher the "Whiz-Bang!"

**440 XAVIER** (5'9", 225, 11, NL) Former ROH champion has been plying his trade on the American independent circuit for years ... Started out in the New England independents with North East Wrestling, making a name for himself by putting opponents through tables with his 450 splash ... The New York native was a last-minute replacement for an injured Danny Daniels in the 10th Annual ECWA Super 8 Tournament; he lost to Charlie Haas in the opening round ... Also competed in the 2002 Super 8 ... Former NYWC Interstate and WSU heavyweight champion ... Finishes his opponents with a dangerous reverse tombstone piledriver.

**441 CRAZY BOY** (5'9", 190, 10, NL) New addition to the AAA roster is the cousin of WWE star Super Crazy ... Trained by Rey Cuervo ... Was an undercard wrestler in CMLL before jumping to AAA ... Known for his independent work in border cities like Tijuana, where he was often embroiled in violent, bloody hardcore matches ... Now teams with Juventud Guerrera's Mexipowers that also includes the AAA version of Psicosis ... A three-time former XLA junior heavyweight champion, he's also held the NGX Extreme title ... Toured Zero One Max in March 2006 ... Often uses Masato Tanaka's "Diamond Dust" to put opponents away.



**442 KAHAGAS** (5'11", 212, 8, NL) Primarily wrestles on the Florida independent scene, this Full Impact Pro regular saw action in Ring of Honor and in the Caribbean islands this year ... Trained under Tyree Pride, Hector Guerrero, and Prince Iaukea ... Typically brings a kendo stick to ringside with him ... Tested himself against the likes of Jake Roberts, D-Lo Brown, and Dusty Rhodes ... Couldn't take the MXPW title

from Chaz ... Hails from Kyushu, Japan ... Known for his blistering chops ... Finishing move is called the "Hosaka Street Cutter."

**443 RYAN CRUZ** (5'9", 172, 2, NL) Freelance wrestler from Minneapolis, Minnesota, forms the North Star Express with partner Darin Corbin ... Managed by J.J. Dillon through the Tag World Grand Prix 2005, the North Star Express made it all the way to the quarterfinals before falling to Chris Hero and Claudio Castagnoli ... Wrestles sporadically for CHIKARA, but tends to stick to midwestern independents ... He and Corbin have held tag team gold in Northern Impact Wrestling and the defunct Midwest Pro Wrestling groups ...

Debuted with IWA Mid-South this past year ... Uses a unique gutwrench piledriver to subdue opponents, referred to as "Boom Shaka Laka!"

**444 TROY LORDS** (5'7", 205, 5, NL) Native of West Hollywood, California, is best known for his work in Pennsylvania's International Wrestling Cartel ... Long feud with Sebastian Dark ended when Lords finally pinned Dark last autumn ... Relatively unknown outside of the Pittsburgh circuit ... Competed in the IWC Super Indy tournament, beating Claudio Castagnoli and Ricky Reyes before falling to Delirious in the finals ... Never-ending rivalry with Shiima Xion continues to this day ... Had an outstanding match with John McChesney that went to a 20-minute time-limit draw ... Calls his version of the "Darkness Buster" the "X-Buster."

**445 ANDREW DALTON** (5'7", 200, 2, NL) Based in Louisiana, he's also active in Mississippi, Texas, and other bordering territories ... Wrestles in PCW UnCut and ACW, among others ... Former NAWA tag team champion ... Sprained his ankle, but has been working through it, missing no time ... Feuding with Mike Paige throughout the southeastern states ... Lost a singles match to Jazz ... Teamed with Lance Hoyt against the Brown Brothers ... Has appeared with NWA Anarchy in Georgia ... Son of Gene Stevens, who managed Kamala under the name of Friday ... Trademark move is known as the "Bareback."

**446 ERIC EVERLAST** (6'4", 260, 7, 435) Graduate of Killer Kowalski's training camp in Massachusetts, this Rochester, New York, native has a black belt in judo to add to his impressive wrestling acumen ... Sometimes called "Easy E" ... Tends to stick with the New York area independents; he's a regular with NWA Upstate, Empire State Wrestling, and

several others ... Saw tough competition from the likes of Big Cat and Jake O'Reilly ... Forms The Final Solution with Ron Falco ... They are former ESW tag team champions ... Longtime rival of J.P. Black, their feud has been bloody, violent, and has spilled over into several other promotions ... The chokeslam is his favorite maneuver.

**447 JON MOKLEY** (6'3", 223, 2, NL) Oklahoma native is now the Ohio-based Heartland Wrestling Association champion ... He won the belt from Pepper Parks in May 2006 ... That same month, he was handed a loss by the Big Show on WWE's *Heat* program ... Leads The Moxley Crew, which includes Helena Heavenly and Eric Darkstorm ... Participated in CHIKARA's Young Lions Cup IV, where he eliminated Hydra before being ousted in the second round ... Has taken wins over Nigel McGuinness, Matt Stryker, and Cody Hawk this year ... The self-proclaimed "New Era Icon" ... His finisher is called "Moxicity."

**448 ANDY BOY SIMMONZ** (5'9", 206, 5, NL) British independent star got his start at the FWA Training Academy under Mark Sloan ... Was once known as Simmons the Butler, but the persona didn't last long ... Feuded with Paul Birchall before Birchall left the U.K. circuit for WWE ... Held the FWA British tag team title with the Duke of Danger, and also held tag team gold in Italy ... Teamed with Lance Storm to face A.J. Styles and Christopher Daniels in the spring of 2006 ... Had the chance to work with Pro Wrestling Guerrilla when they toured Europe earlier this year ... Has been using a running powerslam to end matches.

**449 LANCE STEEL** (6'1", 185, 3, NL) Claims to be a 16th century knight in the present via the Galactica 3000 time machine ... A second version of this same wrestler emerged from the time machine as well ... The two now team together as Lancelot ... Always feuding with Dragon Dragon or Retail Dragon, as this knight feels it's his duty to slay them ... Now wrestles primarily for the PA-based CHIKARA promotion ... His body armor makes him impervious to chops and the like ... Favorite hold is the Boston crab.

**450 CHASYN RANCE** (5'9", 185, 7, 330) Florida standout has been competing not just in the American independents, but abroad in the U.K. as well ... Popped up in TNA's X division, losing a three-way dance to Samoa Joe and Jay Lethal ... Accompanied to the ring by the lovely So Cal Val ... Injured at the hands of Low-Ki and Homicide, he spent three weeks on the sidelines ... Spent a good portion of the last year feuding with Larry Zbyszko ... A regular with Full Impact Pro, he's been chasing tag team gold there with Seth Delay ... His signature maneuver is known as the "Sensational Spike."



**451 SHIRLEY DOE** (5'10", 230, 11, 387) Pittsburgh independent mainstay is the top dog of the International Wrestling Cartel, a company built from the ashes of Steel City Wrestling ... Longest reigning champion in IWC history ... Defended against Tracy Smothers, Eddie Kingston, Steve Corino, and others ... Hails from the Dixmont Mental Hospital ... Now forms a stable with the likes of Sebastian Dark and HENTAL, making him a target of virtually every IWC wrestler ... Wrestled in CHIKARA's Tag World Grand Prix 2005, but was ousted in the first round ... Calls his DDT finisher the "Sillyhead."

**452 BRUISER** (6'2", 288, 10, NL) Maryland independent wrestler has found great success in Maryland Championship Wrestling, where he's a five-time former MCW champion ... Hasn't made much of an impact outside of Maryland, and all but vanished from the scene when MCW went on hiatus a few years back ... Currently teaming with Genesis in pursuit of Scott Fowler and Jason Static, the MCW tag team champs ... Had his toughest challenge to date facing Team 3D in a losing effort with Genesis ... Trained by Dan McDevitt and Axl Rotten ... Has taken wins over Jerry Lawler, Shane Douglas, and King Kong Bundy in his career ... Has a crushing corner avalanche.

**453 ROBIN KNIGHTWING** (5'8", 222, 7, 323) The "Sexy Monkey" is best known as half of the All-Knighters tag team he forms with Joey Knight ... Native of Bridgeburg, Ontario ... Sometimes accompanied Daniel Puder to the ring during his OVW days, serving as an unofficial trainer ... Beat Brandon West for the BBW U.S. title last autumn ... Held the RWA Southern tag belts with regular partner Knight ... Toured England with the WAW, where he feuded with Paul Tyrrell ... Tag team finisher the "Knight Rider" is a two-man stacked suplex.

**454 FRANK PARKER** (6'3", 285, 13, 250) Frank "The Tank" has been a fixture in the West Virginia and surrounding state circuits for over a decade ... Feuding with the likes of Rick Steiner in the SWF, and with recent WWE departure Heidenreich ... Known for disrespecting some of the sport's legends, he stirred controversy by spitting in the face of Ronnie Garvin in January 2006, and then attacked and bloodied his trainer, Jimmy Valiant, in March ... Occasionally teams with David Flair, calling themselves The New Horsemen ... "The Facelift" is his pet move.

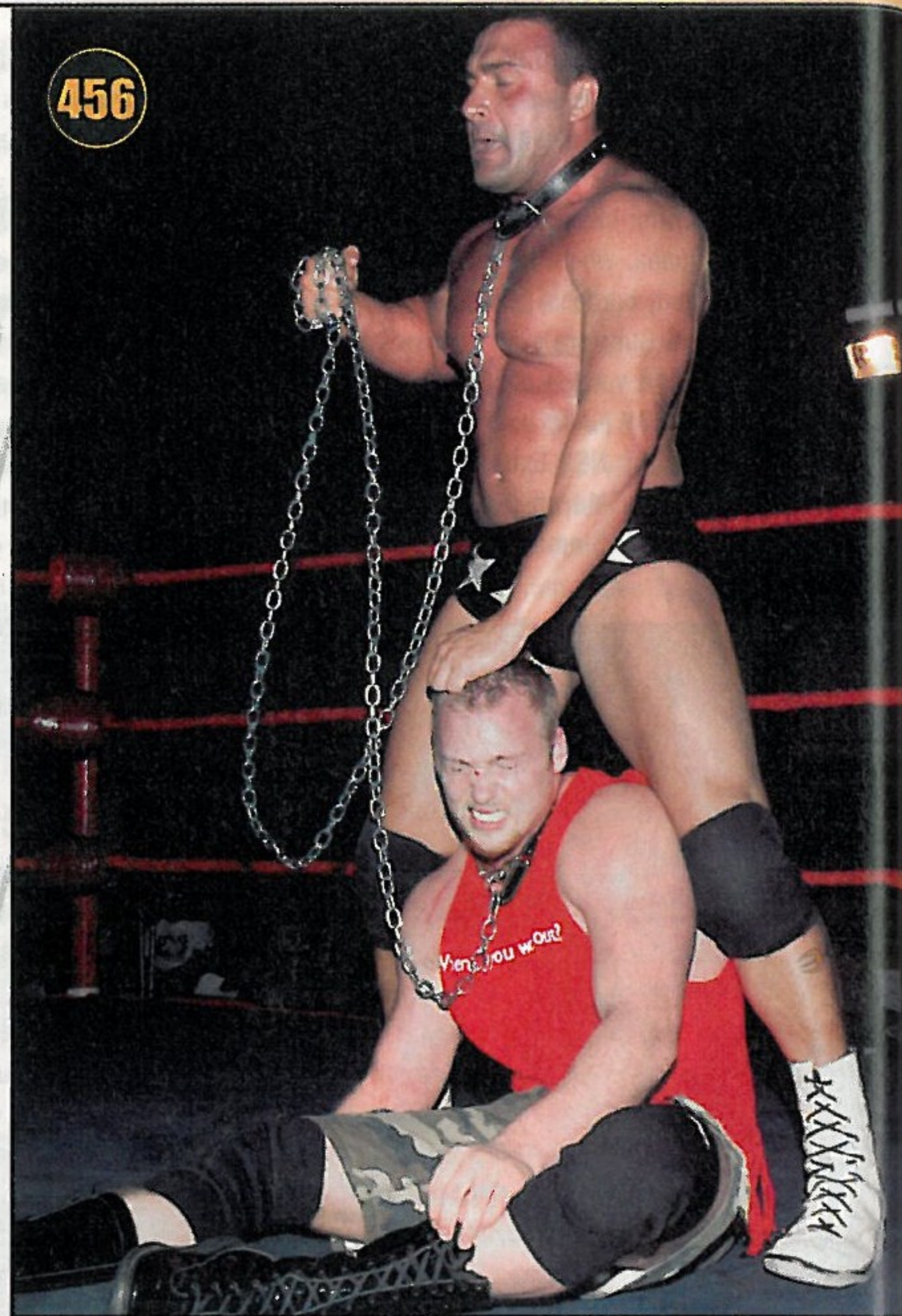
**455 NATE MATTSO** (6', 200, 10, 326) Detroit native is often referred to as "Amazing Nate" ... Won the XICW heavyweight title from Jimmy Jacobs this year, and made a successful defense against TNA's Brother Runt ... Made it to the semifinals of the AWA

light heavyweight tournament held in North Carolina, but lost to Shannon Moore ... Started his own faction called The Michigan Invasion that also includes Zach Gowen, Truth Martini, and Eddie Venom ... Has been feuding with Kirby Mack in the AWA ... Trained by Scott D'Amore, Mickey Doyle, and Doug Chevalier ... Trademark move is the "Amazing Legdrop."

**456 MIKE KRUEL** (5'10", 230, 5, 216) "The Shooter" was trained by Jim Kettner, Mike Mayo Sr., and Gino Caruso and has been a mainstay on the ECWA roster since 2001 ... Former ECWA heavyweight champion signed a developmental deal with WWE in late-July 2006 ... During the past year, had a tremendous 30-minute "Iron Man" match against WWE's Charlie Haas in the ECWA ... Had a long-running feud with ECWA champion Freak Nasty ... Has wrestled dark matches for WWE numerous times throughout the past year ... Uses the "Kruel Intentions," a combination power bomb/neckbreaker, as his finishing move.

**457 QUINN MAGNUM** (6'5", 271, 10, 317) Former NWA North American champion has appeared with NWA affiliates in Florida, Georgia, and Virginia, but is at home in the Pittsburgh-based Pro Wrestling Xpress ... Forms the stable called RAGE with Brandon K and Mad Mike ... They oppose Scottie Gash, Scott Venom, and Crusher Hansen in tag team and trios action ... Currently holds the LCW tag team title with stablemate Mad Mike ... With Brandon K, reigned as PWX tag champ until February 2006 ... Had a dark match with WWE in the past year, but wasn't signed ... The ".357 Magnum" is his name for a seated, face-first power bomb.

**458 SINN** (6'2", 239, 6, NL) Intimidating heavyweight is the frequent tag team partner of Hellvis; they are collectively referred to as The Beasts of Burden ... Feuded with Deep South Wrestling's Lash LeRoux for part of the year ... Travels to the U.K. periodically, where he has tangled with the likes of Harry Smith and Robbie Brookside ... Had a handful of dark matches with WWE through 2005, then returned to TNA at the end of the year ... Has been all over the independents in 2006, sometimes using the pseudonym Dr. Nick Sinnful ... Calls his flying legdrop finisher the "Serpent In The Tree."



**459 MICKEY GAMBINO** (5'10", 205, 2, NL) Forms the Gambino Brothers Moving Company tag team with brother Marshall ... The duo is quickly becoming a staple of the Pittsburgh and surrounding area independents ... Considered the nice guy of the team ... Beat Chris Hamrick and Jason Cage to win the International Wrestling Cartel tag team belts in November of 2005; they lost them seven months later to M-Dogg 20 and Josh Prohibition ... Selected for CHIKARA's giant 32-team Tag World Grand Prix ... The Gambinos made a respectable showing before being eliminated by Cheech and Cloudy ... Trained by Shirley Doe ... Likes to finish his matches with the fishermanbuster.

**460 JERRELLE CLARK** (5'6", 180, 7, 236) Struggling TNA star hasn't found his niche in the ultra-competitive X division yet ... Came up through the Florida independents, where he feuded with Naphtali ... Has made sporadic appearances with Ring of Honor in the past two years ... A regular in ROH's sister promotion, Full Impact Pro, based in Florida ... Made an excellent showing in his June TNA bout against Sonjay Dutt, but came out on the losing end ... His nickname, "Mr. 630," is an allusion to his incredible finishing move, the 630 senton, which makes the ordinary 450 splash seem downright dull.

**461 THE STRO** (6'1", 250, 18, 275) Independent journeyman has won no fewer than eight heavyweight titles in and around North Carolina this year, from the OSWF to the UWC ... Competed in WCW as "The Maestro," where he was managed by Symphony ... Currently feuding with the likes of Jay Steele over the ACPW TV title and with former ACPW champion Zane Dawson ... A protégé of Nelson Royal and Gene Anderson ... Served as General Manager of RWC for a short stint ... His unique bearhug-turned-DDT maneuver is simply called "SBD."

**462 MARSHALL GAMBINO** (6', 270, 2, NL) Pittsburgh independent star typically teams with brother Mickey as The Gambino Brothers Moving Company ... Gained a measure of notoriety in CHIKARA's 32-team Tag World Grand Prix back in February where they faced Cheech and Cloudy ... Sometimes called "The Bu!" ... Rarely participates in singles matches ... Defeated J-Rocc and Troy Lords in a stipulation match that saw the losers don dresses ... Captured the IWC tag team titles with Mickey in November 2005 ... Later added the Black Diamond Wrestling tag title to their collection ... Also appears with FNW in and around Pittsburgh ... Has a great sideslam.

**463 PEPPER PARKS** (6', 200, 6, NL) The original male cheerleader of professional wrestling is a mainstay with Ohio's Heartland Wrestling Association ... Returned to action in August 2005 after being sidelined with an injury ... Won the tournament for the vacant HWA title in January 2006, beating Ala Hussein, Matt Stryker, and Jon Moxley en route ... Made successful defenses against Tracy Smothers and Jimmy Yang in the spring ... Lost the HWA heavyweight title to Moxley in May 2006 ... Calls his neckbreaker finisher the "Pepper Shaker."

**464 CHEECH** (6', 194, 5, NL) New York native teams with Cloudy as Up In Smoke ... Won the NWA Upstate tag team title with Cloudy in February 2006 from the Burning River Brigade ... Made it to the second round of CHIKARA's Tag World Grand Prix before losing to Delirious and Hallowicked ... Found some success in singles competition in CZW, where he's challenged for the junior heavyweight title ... Made his way to the finals of the fourth annual Young Lions Cup and was defeated by Arik Cannon ... His knee strike to the forehead is called "The Deluxe."

**465 STRONKO** (6'2", 262, 7, NL) Imposing heavyweight has appeared in WWE developmental camps, and on OVW television this year ... Previously teamed with Danny Gimondo as The Hybrid ... Has since found a new partner in Boris Alexiev, and often serves as his trainer ... Both he and Alexiev have extensive backgrounds in the Russian art of Sambo, a grappling style of mixed martial arts ... Feuded with Ryan Reeves ... Previously competed as Bryan Wenzel ... Likes to force opponents into unconsciousness with his kata hajime hold.

**466 JASON STATIC** (5'11", 203, 4, NL) A popular independent wrestler on the East Coast ... Wrestled many dark matches for WWE over the past year ... Appeared, primarily, on WWE's *Velocity* and *Heat* Internet programs ... Teamed with Scotty Sabre to take on then-Smackdown World tag team champs Heidenreich and Road Warrior Animal ... Also competed for TNA in late-2005 ... Held the MCW tag team championship with partner Scott Fowler in summer 2006 ... A top contender for the MCW Rage TV championship ... Known as much for his meticulously chiseled physique.

**467 PRESTON QUINN** (6'2", 255, 12, NL) Mid-Atlantic independent wrestler has been working the squared circle for over a decade ... Holds the NWA Virginia tag team title with partner Mike Booth as The Old School Empire ... Used a pair of brass knux in a title defense against The Platinum Icons tag team, which caused controversy not just with NWA Virginia management, but also in local newspapers ... Tag team finisher is the tandem "Decapitation."

**468 GLENN SPECTRE** (5'10", 201, 6, 407) Hailing from the "Hall Of Justice," this independent oddity is typically garbed in Wonder Woman gear and referred to as "Wonder Man" ... Uses a pinning combination he calls the "Magic Lasso" to hold opponents down ... Lost the NWA Upstate title to Brodie Lee in a cage match ... Toured Japan in the autumn of 2005, reprising his tag team with Dino in the DDT promotion ... He and Dino briefly held the DDT catchweight tag title ... Competed in this year's "Super Indy" tournament; lost in the opening round to Delirious ... Seems



infatuated with fellow IWC competitor Shiima Xion ... His elevated power bomb finisher is nicknamed "Brokeback Mountain."

**469 TONY GIVENS** (6', 185, 7, 419) Southeastern independent mainstay competes all over Kentucky and Tennessee ... Alternately feuds and teams with Robbie Cassidy; the two are either chasing tag team titles together or fighting over the same singles championship ... With Cassidy, he's held the Southern States Wrestling, Tri-State Wrestling, and CW tag team title ... They are feuding with KMF Inc. to try and add a fourth tag title to their resumes ... Likes to use the "Shining Wizard" in his matches ... Also appears with Bluegrass Championship Wrestling and Mason Dixon Wrestling ... Has taken wins over Tracy Smothers and Tom Prichard in the past year ... Trademark submission hold is the triangle choke.

**470 DARIN CHILDS** (5'10", 225, 7, 444) American independent wrestler is becoming a fixture in some Southern circuits, especially through Texas, Georgia, and the Carolinas ... Teams with Jacob Ladder and valet Rachel Putski to form The Children of Pain ... Has also teamed with Seth Shai and Joey Spector in the past ... Beat Cobra for the ACW Texas title this past year ... Protégé of the late Johnny Grunge ... Acquired great experience feuding with Shannon Moore ... Signature move is called "Fall From Grace," which starts like a fireman's carry and ends in a "Michinoku Driver."



**471 BEAU JAMES** (5'10", 298, 16, NL) Well-traveled freelancer has seen action everywhere from West Virginia to Washington state this year ... Feud with Gypsy Joe culminated in a victorious "loser-leaves-town" match ... Lost to Harry Smith in the finals of an elimination tournament in Pacific, Washington, back in January, but took wins over the Stampede Kid and Tom Prichard to get there ... Feuding with Nick Hammonds in Tennessee's Championship Wrestling group, they are vying for the television title there ... Recently managed Tracy Smothers to victory on a Legends of Wrestling card.

**472 DON PAYSAN** (5'10", 189, 3, NL) Italian by way of Canada, this independent wrestler has seen action all over North America ... Forms the tag team Reality Check with Alex Price ... Former valet D-Vyne has been the source of numerous problems for Paysan, hiring wrestlers from Montreal's IWS promotion to take him out ... Participated in CHIKARA's Young Lions Cup IV, he eliminated Player Uno before falling to Equinox in the second round.

**473 ROUGHHOUSE O'REILLY** (6'5", 245, 5, NL) WWE developmental talent signed his deal in May 2005 and moved south from New England to train with Deep South Wrestling ... Took his biggest career win this past year, beating William Regal in DSW ... Feuded with Viscera this year as well ... Also has experience in Puerto Rico, Guam, and Korea ... Defeated Derrick Nelkirk in June 2006 to become the Deep South Wrestling heavyweight champion ... In Florida, he's held the MXPW TV title ... His favorite finishing move is called the "Rough House Delight."

**474 DENNIS GREGORY** (6'1", 222, 14, 325) A staple of the Pittsburgh independent scene, Gregory disappeared from wrestling for a year while fighting for his country in Iraq ... Made it home safe and sound and started back in the ring last November ... Feuding with the Unholy Alliance ... Career has really taken off since ditching manager Drew Lazario ... Has held the International Wrestling Cartel title twice in the past, but hasn't been able to recapture it a third time ... Teams with Dean Radford and Bolen from time to time ... Still takes to the air with the occasional suicide dive to the floor.

**475 BRIAN ASH** (6'4", 270, 7, NL) As top dog of the Iowa-based 3XW promotion, he held the company's heavyweight

and North American titles this year ... Unified the two titles by beating Big Dog Barber in February 2006 ... Won the heavyweight title from Billy Gunn in July 2005 and has held it ever since ... Successfully defended against Chance Cordova the following month ... Feuding with the likes of Gage Octane and Egotistico Fantastico, the masked alter ego of Robert Anthony ... Started teaming with Austin Bayliss in mid-2006 ... Also competes for NEW and IPW in Iowa ... The spinebuster has become his trademark.

**476 CLOUDY** (5'7", 167, 5, NL) The New York native finds tag team wrestling to be his forte and forms the team Up in Smoke with Cheech ... They were in Special K and Lacey's Angels during their Ring of Honor days and also held the NWA Upstate tag team title ... Appeared in both CHIKARA's Tag World Grand Prix 2006 and their Young Lions Cup IV, where he was eliminated by Cheech, of all people ... Tag team finishing maneuver is called "Partly Cloudy With A Chance Of Cheech," it's a combination 619 and dropkick to the back of the head.

**477 BILLY BART** (5'10", 268, 12, 441) The "Bad Boy" of the Midwest kicked off his year by win-

ning the WCWO heavyweight championship in a match against Hillbilly Jed ... Lost the title in May 2006 to Corona ... Also active in the CWF, where he and regular tag team partner Quicksilver are chasing the tag team title ... Made his debut in NEW by beating down injured star Damien Cole and attacking his broken leg, which certainly didn't endear him to the fans ... Saw tag team action against the Honky Tonk Man this year ... Has a devastating clothesline.

**478 G.Q. GALLO** (6'2", 245, 6, NL) This independent wrestler hails from Prescott, Arizona, and can be seen in Impact Zone Wrestling and Western Alliance Entertainment ... Toured with Zero One in Japan and also appeared in their odd sports-entertainment offshoot called Hustle ... Has faced men like Toshiaki Kawada and Shinya Hashimoto in his trips to the Far East ... Wrestled under the name Ghostwalker for several years while teaming with his trainer, Navajo Warrior ... Currently feuding with one-time partner Lawrence Tyler over the IZW heavyweight title ... Calls his trademark move the "Strike A Pose."

**479 VITO THOMASELLI** (5'9", 185, 5, 340) Midwest freelancer is a tag team expert ... He and brother Sal comprise The Iron Saints tag team, which sometimes becomes a trio when joined by younger brother Brandon ... Were ousted in the first round of CHIKARA's Tag World Grand Prix by MIYAWAKI and Yoshiaki Yago in February 2006 ... Long-reigning IWA Mid-South tag team champions ... Added the IWA Deep South tag title to their resume, beating Eddie Kingston and Joker in May 2006 ... Long dark hair makes him easy to distinguish from brother Sal, who shaves his head ... Calls his signature move the "Sicilian Driver."

**480 SHAWN COOK** (5'9", 205, 8, 471) "Sexy" Shawn is a Midwest independent star who is active in groups like the Central Wrestling Federation and Harley Race's WLW promotion ... Feuding with P.T. Hussla over the CWF heavyweight championship, which Cook still held at press time ... Holds wins over independent stand-outs Colt Cabana, Chad Collyer, and Tracy Smothers ... Had less success in bouts against Chris Harris of TNA and Glen Gilberti ... Sometimes competes for Ohio Valley Wrestling, where he has locked up with such men as Rene Dupree and Eugene in the past year.

**481 MIKAL ADRYAN** (6'7", 262, 7, NL) "Exotic" Mikal is well-known to fans of Georgia and Alabama independent wrestling ... Currently on the roster of Deep South Wrestling ... A regular in NWA Anarchy ... Reigned as their heavyweight champion until March 2006 ... Had a great singles match with Roughhouse O'Reilly in April 2006 for DSW ... Trained by Brodie Chase and Mikki Free ... This big man isn't afraid to fly from the top turnbuckle with a giant lariat ... His pump-handle sideslam has been dubbed the "Assisted Suicide."

**482 DON BASHER** (6', 290, 21, 412) The "Dangerous Bull" has held the WCWO heavyweight title a record 17 times dating back to 1999 ... The native of Casper, Wyoming, has champion Corona in his sights and is looking to win the title for the 18th time ... Appears through the midwestern and southern United States ... Feuding with Indiana Kidd Jr. in several territories ... Has experience against Mick Foley, Tracy Smothers, and Dan Severn ... Calls his signature move the "8 Second Ride."

**483 SAL THOMASELLI** (5'9", 175, 4, 350) Midwest-based tag team with brother Vito is known as The Iron Saints ... Have enjoyed their greatest success as IWA Mid-South tag team champions ... Had high hopes for a good showing at CHIKARA's Tag World Grand Prix in February, but went down in the first round to the team of MIYAWAKI and Yoshiaki Yago ... Sal has a unique variation of the fishermanbuster in his repertoire.

**484 BOOMER PAYNE** (6', 247, 11, 301) Independent veteran can be seen in a variety of promotions up and down the East Coast ... Won the APW heavyweight title in December 2005 by beating Chief Jay Eagle and Ken Magnum in a three-way dance ... Now feuding with Bill White ... Started his own stable called The Family that also includes Dookie 2 Times and Romeo Mark Slain ... Took his biggest career win in April 2006 when he defeated Ricky Morton as part of the Darren Westbrook Memorial tag team tournament ... Trademark maneuver is known as "Dishonorable Discharge."

**485 JOHNNY GRAHAM** (5'10", 225, 19, 443) Independent veteran broke into wrestling in Honolulu, Hawaii ... Calls himself "Luscious" Johnny ... Feuding with Coach Boden in his home promotion of Pro Wrestling Entertainment, which runs all throughout Perry County, Pennsylvania ... Has helped train independent wrestlers like Shane Valentine and Jackpot ... Stays active in New Jersey and West Virginia circuits as well ... Native of Seattle, Washington ... Had a long feud with Shane Shadows that spilled over into several companies ... Held the PWE tag team title with his son, Jey Graham, whom he also trained ... His patented

"Graham Cracker" is a folding press usually with an illegal assist from the ropes.

**486 MATT RIVIERA** (6'2", 232, 2, NL) Muscled-up grappler hails from Russellville, Arkansas, and appears not only in his home state, but through Oklahoma and Tennessee as well ... Held the TCW heavyweight title for the past year ... A top star in Global Pro Wrestling ... Style is reminiscent of William Regal ... Feuding in Mid-South Wrestling with Wes Jones, the man who beat Riviera in his pro debut in August 2004 ... Rivalry with



Frank Thornton spans virtually every promotion in Arkansas ... Likes to break out the Fargo strut in mid-match ... His downward spiral variation is known as the "One Night Stand."

**487 LARRY HUNTLEY** (6'1", 269, 7, 436) This star of the Maine independent circuit can be seen in New Wrestling Horizons and other New England promotions ... Held the NWH heavyweight title twice, as well as the Maine State championship ... Feuding with Sonny Roselli and the Canadian Moondog ... Won the NWA New England tag team title in October of 2005 with then-partner Roselli by beating both the Vachons and the Big Islanders ... No longer teams with estranged brother John Huntley ... Ran Ric Daniels out of the area in May 2006 when he defeated him in a "loser-leaves-New England" stipulation bout ... Trademark move is the "Death Valley Driver."

**488 SETH SHAI** (6', 245, 7, 294) New Mexico native appears all throughout the midwestern and southern United States ... Won the CWP Southern States title from Kyzer Douglas in Texas ... He also holds the company's U.S. heavyweight title ... Won the belt in November 2005 from B.A. Dalton in a bloody cage match ... Runs the CWP faction called The Crue, managed by Paul Lewis ... Formerly of the Re-Gex with Tejas and Mace ... Nicknamed "The Darko Pantha" ... The flying DDT is his trademark.

**489 KEVIN KNIGHT** (6'4", 245, 10, 426) Staple of the New Jersey independents is the head trainer and owner of the Independent Wrestling Federation ... Won the IWF title for the fourth time by beating Damian Adams last October ... Held it until April 2006 when he was defeated by Dan McGuire ... Typically teams with Shane O'Brien ... A former IWF tag team champion ... Came out on the losing end of matches against legendary old-timers like Tito Santana, King Kong Bundy, Jim Neidhart, and The Honky Tonk Man ... Managed by Rich Ross ... Uses Scott Hall's "Outsider Edge" to put opponents away.

**490 HORRORSHOW** (5'10", 200, 4, NL) Creepy masked brawler is a regular in the Virginia-based Richmond Lucha Libre company ... Was betrayed by longtime friend and partner the Kamikaze Kid in the back half of 2005 ... He went on to lose his RLL championship to Kamikaze, two falls to one, in their subsequent title match ... A former RLL tag team champion, he lost that as well, overcome by Kamikaze Kid and new partner El Sucion ... Now focusing on the RLL hardcore title ... "The Slayer Of Kings" is the name he gave to his "Tiger Suplex" finisher.



## 491 MASCARA PURPURA (5'6", 176, 1, NL)

Rookie high-flyer is making waves in the talent rich CMLL ... Teamed with Lizmark Jr. for the June 2006 Gran Alternativa tournament, but they were eliminated by eventual winners Perro Aguayo Jr. and Misterioso II ... Incredible aerialist soars in and out of the ring with terrific poise ... Sometimes teams with fellow aerialist Oro II for tag team and trios fare ... Started his career under the name Rey Aztecas in the Monterrey circuit before being repackaged in early-2006 for CMLL television ... Pet maneuver is the shooting star press.

## 492 BRIAN CHRISTOPHER (5'10", 213, 18, NL)

Former WWE tag team champion has been only somewhat active in the past year ... Appeared at Clash of the Legends III in June 2006 ... Managed to win a battle royal filled with much larger competitors ... Stays active in and around Tennessee since his last WWE tenure ended in April 2004 ... Still goes by his nickname, "Grandmaster Sexay" ... The son of Jerry Lawler ... The two have an odd relationship, to say the least ... Famed for his flying legdrop from the top rope.

## 493 WATARU INOUE (5'11", 198, 7, NL)

Tokyo native is a junior heavyweight in the ranks of New Japan Pro Wrestling ... Held the IWGP junior tag belts with Koji Kanemoto for two months in 2005 ... Entered the 2006 edition of the annual Best of the Super Juniors tournament and racked up some impressive wins ... Took big wins over former partner Kanemoto, as well as Black Tiger IV, Gedo, Hirooki Goto, and Tiger Mask IV ... Made it all the way to the semifinals before being eliminated by eventual winner Minoru Tanaka ... Has had only limited success apart from his tournament hot streak ... Favorite submission hold is the royal octopus hold.

## 494 KAMIKAZE KID (5'10", 165, 4, NL)

Star of the Richmond Lucha Libre league paints his face and bears a passing resemblance to the Great Muta ... Turned against his longtime partner and friend Horrorshow at the end of 2005 ... Beat Horrorshow for the RLL championship in a best-of-three-falls contest ... Retained the title in May 2006 in a defense over That Guy ... Teamed up with former rival El Sucio to take the RLL tag team title in a wild ladder match ... Likes to use the muscle buster to put his opponents down for the three-count ... The "Kamikaze Kick" has become his calling card.

## 495 ROBERT ANTHONY (6'3", 220, 5, NL)

Chicago-based independent wrestler sometimes dons the mask of Egotistico Fantastico and morphs into a quasi-luchador ... Had a pair of WWE tryouts in the spring months ... Has held the 3XW and AAW heavyweight titles ... Typically teams with Tony Scarpone ... They are a force to be reckoned with in Harley Race's WLW ... Punishes opponents with a "Death Valley Driver" into the turnbuckles ... Feuds with Brian Ash and Gage O'Garra spilled over into multiple federations in the Midwest ... Signature move is the reverse tombstone, which his luchador alter ego calls the "Taco Bender."

## 496 SHAWN CHRISTOPHER (5'9", 223, 11, 445)

The Kentucky native had an active year on the independent circuit and even toured England ... Had his hands full in Appalachian Wrestling Federation with champion Tuffy and with former WWE star Heidenreich ... Cocky attitude and big mouth have landed him in a number of tense situations this year ... Forms the New Age Horsemen with Billy Maverick and Mike Harris ... A despised man in the rings of HCW, where he held the International title and feuds with the likes of Ric Gunner ... Ran former International champ Shane Matthews out of HCW altogether ... Nickname is "Showtime" ... Trademark move is the time-honored slingshot suplex.

## 497 PHIL DAVIS (6'1", 230, 9, NL)

"Fabulous" Phil and brother "Superstar" Sean are the tag team

known as The Heartbreak Express ... Had healthy reigns as both the FIP tag team and SCW tag team champions ... Participated in the Tag World Grand Prix 2006 hosted by CHIKARA, but were ousted in the first round by Osamu Nishimura and Katsushi Takemura ... Held on to the AWA/Pro Wrestling World 1 tag team title, despite challenges from both The Rock 'n' Roll Express and The Midnight Express this year ... Lost in the opening round of the Lords of the Ring tag team tournament in April ... The Express are known for their great tandem flapjack finisher.

## 498 EDDIE EDWARDS (6', 237, 4, NL)

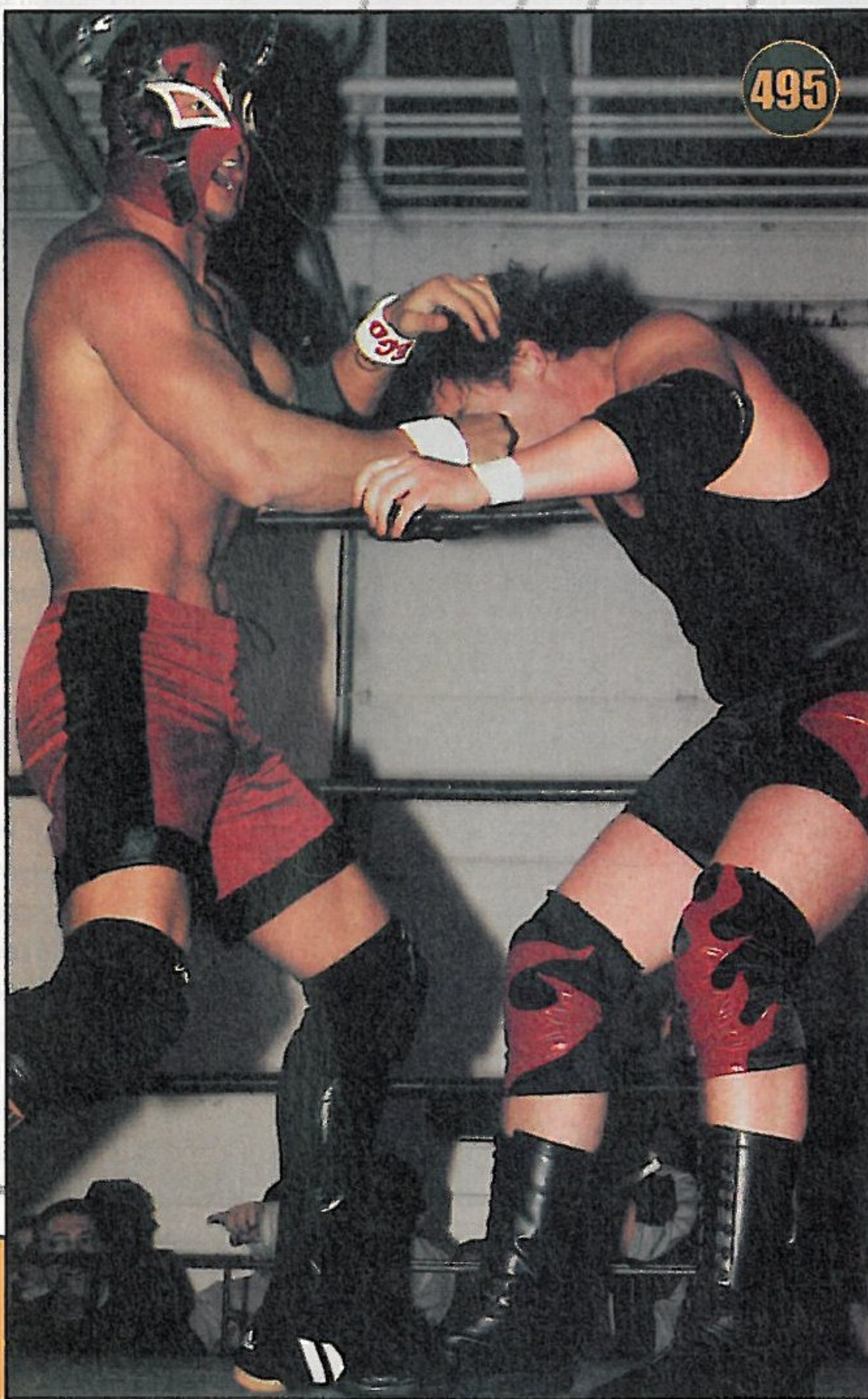
The Ohio native made his name in the New England independents ... Has three tours of Japan with Mitsuharu Misawa's Pro Wrestling NOAH group to his credit, where he occasionally teams up with Scorpio to face Japanese tandems ... Feud with John Walters and Fergal Devitt in MWF resulted in some mat classics ... Trained by Slyck Wagner Brown ... Won the MWF television title by defeating Jerelle Clark ... Couldn't win the MWF heavyweight title from his trainer ... Likes to use the moonsault press.

## 499 SEAN DAVIS (5'11", 320, 9, NL)

"Superstar" Sean is a regular in the Florida and other southern independents ... He and brother Phil are the tag team called The Heartbreak Express ... Regulars in Full Impact Pro and with Dory Funk Jr.'s BANG! ... Feuding with the tag team Black Market over the FIP tag title; Sean and Phil held it from late-2005 until May 2006 ... Appeared up north for CHIKARA's Tag World Grand Prix 2006, but were handily dispatched by Osamu Nishimura and Katsushi Takemura ... Held on to the AWA/Pro Wrestling World 1 tag team title, despite challenges from both The Rock 'n' Roll Express and The Midnight Express this year ... Known for his big corner avalanche.

## 500 MIKE PAIGE (6'5", 280, 7, NL)

Based out of ACW, where he was declared the owner after defeating previous head man Andrew Dalton for the position ... Teamed with the 903 boys to quell an uprising by Dalton and Halloween in March 2006 ... Took The Overboyz under his wing and began to mentor them in late-spring 2006 ... A surprisingly agile ring technician for such a large man ... A fan favorite in NLW, where he also feuded with Dalton for that promotion's heavyweight title ... A part-time pro poker player, Paige calls his finisher the "Royal Flush," since it is the unbeatable poker hand.





The list of active wrestlers is always changing. Since last year's "PWI 500" was published, some wrestlers have migrated to different federations or changed their names. Others are now injured, inactive, or retired. Still others have been dropped from this year's survey for other reasons.

Keys are as follows (D) deceased; (DL) disabled list throughout a major portion of the year; (I) inactive; (NC) name change; (NL) not listed; (R) retired.

Akio (NC)  
Terry Alan (NL)  
Eric Alexander (NL)  
Nikita Allanov (NL)  
Sean Allen (NL)  
Ken Anderson (NC)  
Apocalypse (NL)  
Alex Arion (I)  
Marc Ash (NL)  
Phil Atlas (NL)  
Andy Baker (NL)  
Kevin Baker (NL)  
Shane Ballard (NL)  
Shannon Ballard (NL)  
Ricky Banderas (NL)  
Danny Basham (NL)  
Doug Basham (NL)  
Billy Bax (NL)  
Da Beast (NC)  
Biggie Biggs (NL)  
Brian Black (NC)  
J.P. Black (NL)  
Blue Meanie (NL)  
Hook Bomberry (NL)  
Adam Booker (NL)  
The Bouncer (NL)  
Brad Bradley (NC)  
Bronco (NL)  
Brother Clay (NL)  
Slyk Wagner Brown (NL)  
Buff-E (I)  
John Cabbie (NL)  
Frankie Capone (NC)  
Matt Cappotelli (DL)  
Sean Casey (I)  
Jimmy Cash (NL)  
Huracan Castillo (I)  
Aden Chambers (NL)  
Scotty Charisma (NL)  
Chicano (NL)  
Will Christianson (NL)  
Josh Cody (NL)  
Brian Costello (I)  
Crazy J (NC)

John Curse (NL)  
Scott D'Amore (I)  
Brent Dail (NL)  
Khosrow Daivari (I)  
Danger (NL)  
Brian Danzig (NL)  
Webster Dauhphiney (NL)  
Robbie Dawber (NL)  
Vic Delicious (NL)  
Mike Dell (NL)  
Chase DelMonte (NL)  
Steve DeMarco (NL)  
Aaron Devil (NL)  
Diabolico (I)  
Diamante (NL)  
Marcus Dillon (NL)  
Toy Dodson (NL)  
Damian Dragon (NL)  
Eric Draven (NL)  
D-Ray 3000 (I)  
Spike Dudley (NC)  
Kevin Dunn (NL)  
Rob Eckos (NL)  
Adam Firestorm (NL)  
Tim Flowers (NL)  
Mozart Fontaine (NL)  
Foresaken (NL)  
Rory Fox (NL)  
Mike Foxx (NL)  
Franky the Mobster (NL)  
Scotty Gash (NL)  
James Gibson (NC)  
Glamor Boy Shane (NL)  
Tony Golden (NL)  
Ray Gonzalez (NL)  
Gotti (NL)  
Zach Gowen (NL)  
Kevin Grace (NL)  
Bruiser Graham (NL)  
Gran Apolo (I)  
Supreme Lee Great (NL)  
Eddie Guapo (NL)  
Eddie Guerrero (D)  
Billy Gunn (NC)

Ric Gunner (NL)  
Gutter (NL)  
Snatch Haggis (I)  
Chris Hamrick (NL)  
Handsome Johnny (NL)  
Jeff Hardy (I)  
Muhammad Hassan (R)  
Heidenreich (I)  
Hellcat (NL)  
Super Hentai (NL)  
Hotstuff Hernandez (NL)  
Hardcore Holly (DL)  
Tom Howard (NL)  
Hangman Hughes (NL)  
Powerhouse Hughes (NL)  
The Hurricane (NC)  
P.T. Hussla (NC)  
Aaron Idol (NC)  
Justin Idol (NC)  
Indiana Kidd Jr. (NL)  
Danny Inferno (NC)  
J.V. Insanity (NL)  
Invader I (I)  
Chet Jablonski (NC)  
Dean Jablonski (NL)  
Jamal (NC)  
Japanese Pool Boy (NL)  
J-Busta (NL)  
Chris Jericho (R)  
Mark Jindrak (NL)  
Cru Jones (NL)  
Dow Jones (NL)  
Tony Jones (NL)  
J-Rocc (NL)  
Juggernaut (NL)  
Apollo Kahn (NL)  
Pat Kennedy (NL)  
Billy Kidman (I)  
K-Murda (NL)  
K-Pusha (NL)  
Krazy K (NL)  
Ladies' Choice (NL)  
Latin Lover (R)  
Leslie Leatherman (NL)

Quinten Lee (NL)  
Joe E. Legend (NL)  
Steve Lewington (NL)  
Lightning (NL)  
J.T. Lightning (NL)  
Matt Logan (NL)  
Lotus (NC)  
Low-Ki (NC)  
Scotty Mac (NL)  
Mace (NL)  
Steve Mack (NL)  
Steve Madison (NL)  
Mana (NL)  
Kirby Marcos (NL)  
Gino Martino (NL)  
Masada (NL)  
Vinnie Massaro (NL)  
Cheetah Master (NL)  
Eric Matlock (NL)  
Greg Matthews (NL)  
Maven (R)  
Joel Maximo (NL)  
Jose Maximo (NL)  
Johnny Maxx (NL)  
Mega (NL)  
Mace Mendoza (NL)  
Charles Mercury (NL)  
Mike Modest (NL)  
Donovan Morgan (NL)  
Frank Murdoch (NL)  
Dropkick Murphy (NL)  
Naphtali (NL)  
Nasdaq (NL)  
E.C. Negro (NL)  
El Nene (NL)  
Vance Nevada (NL)  
Kevin Northcutt (NL)  
Nova Cain (NL)  
C.J. O'Doyle (NL)  
Ryan O'Reilly (NL)  
Onyx (NL)  
Dru Onyx (NL)  
Mr. Ooh La La (NL)  
Luis Ortiz (NL)

Shawn Osborne (NL)  
Chuck Palumbo (NL)  
Shawn Patrick (NL)  
Bam Bam Penders (NL)  
J.J. Perez (NL)  
Dexter Poindexter (I)  
Predator (NL)  
D.J. P-Roc (NL)  
Josh Prohibition (NL)  
Daniel Puder (I)  
Quiet Storm (NL)  
Dean Radford (NL)  
Alastair Ralphz (NC)  
John Rambo (NL)  
Amazing Red (NL)  
Trevor Rhodes (NC)  
Rikishi (I)  
Rockin' Rebel (NL)  
Jolly Roger (NL)  
Roman (NL)  
Rocky Romero (NL)  
Rosey (I)  
Axl Rotten (I)  
Jason Rumble (NL)  
Andrew Ryker (NL)  
Fred Sampson (NL)  
Seven (NL)  
Michael Shane (NC)  
Mike Shane (NC)  
Todd Shane (NC)  
Russell Simpson (NL)  
Baby Slymm (NL)  
Shorty Smalls (NL)  
Bison Smith (NL)  
Daron Smythe (NL)  
Brian Soscia (NL)  
George South Sr. (NL)  
Spanky (NC)  
Greg Spitz (NL)  
Jeff Starr (NL)  
Michelle Starr (NL)  
Rod Steel (NL)  
Bruce Steel (NL)  
Cody Steel (NL)

Rod Steele (NL)  
Devon Storm (NL)  
Striker (NC)  
Sedrick Strong (NL)  
Tommy Suede (NL)  
C.J. Summers (NL)  
Johnny Swinger (NL)  
T. Rantula (NL)  
Chris Taylor (NL)  
Jack Thriller (NL)  
Thunder (NL)  
K.C. Thunder (NL)  
Mike Tobin (NL)  
Tyson Tomko (NC)  
Ultramantis Black (NL)  
Qunison Valentino (NL)  
Slash Venom (NL)  
Viper (NL)  
Vordell Walker (NL)  
John Walters (NL)  
Tim Warcloud (NL)  
Burt Williams (NL)  
Tommy Williams (NL)  
T.J. Wilson (NL)  
Alyx Winters (NL)  
Dusty Wolfe (NL)  
Marty Wright (NC)  
Toru Yano (NL)  
Takashi Yoshida (NL)  
Scott Zenzen (NL)  
Mister Zero (NL)  
Lord Zoltan (NL)